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Gen. Lahad takes over S. Lebanon command

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BINT JEBEL. — In a ceremony attended by thousands of residents of the area, Major-General Antoine Lahad yesterday took command of the late Major Sa'ad Haddad's South Lebanese Army.

The ceremony investing the 54-year-old former regular Lebanese Army officer was held in this Shi'ite village in the central sector. The Christian, Shi'ite and Druze soldiers of the SLA who saluted him seemed somewhat unsure of their new commander. While Haddad was a native of the area and had led his men through years of terrorist bombardment and infiltration, Lahad is an unknown.

At the ceremony, Lahad said "I stand at the head of this army as a result of the will of the Lebanese people. I shall do all that I can, in cooperation with Israel, to liberate the South. Following the cancellation of treaty between Israel and Lebanon, the situation here got

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Jewish vote lifts Mondale to NY win

WASHINGTON. — Former vice-president Walter Mondale won an impressive victory over Colorado Senator Gary Hart and Rev. Jesse Jackson in Tuesday's Democratic presidential primary in New York. A repeat performance next Tuesday in Pennsylvania, where unions have endorsed Mondale, might effectively lock up his nomination at the party's San Francisco convention in July.

Mondale's New York victory lined up support among most elements of the traditional Democratic coalition, including Jews, labour union members, Catholics, women and others. The black community, voting in record numbers, overwhelmingly supported Jackson who nearly overtook Hart for second place.

With almost all of the ballots counted, Mondale led with 600,826 votes (45 per cent), compared to 363,384 (27 per cent) for Hart, and 340,710 (25 per cent) for Jackson.

At stake were 252 convention delegates. Exit polls taken by the major television news networks suggested that Mondale outscored Hart among New York's large Jewish

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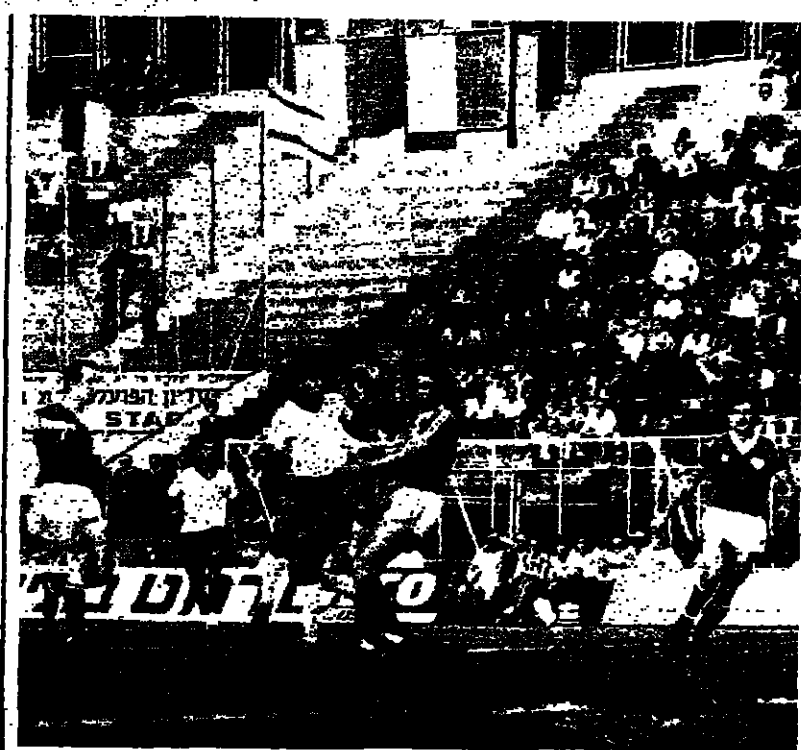
Eban tells Ghali: Talk more with Israel

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

CAIRO. — Despite all the current strains in relations with Israel, Egypt will continue to keep faith with its five-year-old peace treaty with Israel. This is the gist of the message that Labour's shadow foreign minister Abba Eban will return home with from his 48-hour visit to Cairo. He arrived Tuesday night with his wife Suzie, and will fly home tonight.

Eban came here at the official invitation of the Egyptian government. In the absence of the foreign minister, his host is Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Butros Ghali. He will meet with President Hosni Mubarak this morning.

Eban last met Ghali in Paris in November 1982, and the Israeli found it disconcerting to hear from his Egyptian host that opinion in



Israel's Eli Ohana scores his team's first goal against Eire yesterday at Bloomfield Stadium. (Arye Kanfer)

Israel beat Ireland by 3-0

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A dream debut in international football by 20-year-old Eli Ohana of Beitar Jerusalem, in which he scored a goal within three minutes of the start, saw Israel to a surprise 3-0 win over Eire at Bloomfield Stadium yesterday.

Ohana's was one of three showpiece goals that delighted the 15,000 fans, including former Dubliner President Chaim Herzog.

Zahi Armeli, with a magnificent header, and Moshe Sinai, with a sizzling first-time shot, added goals in

the second half. But it was Ohana's perfectly placed shot from 14 metres, from a David Pizanti pass, which set the pattern. It enabled midfield players Uri Malmilian, Sinai, Rifat Turk and captain Avi Cohen to put the pressure on the Irish.

Led by Liam Brady the stars of Ireland pressed hard, but failed to put their game together in front of the Israel goal, where Arie Haviv never put a foot or hand wrong.

Israel plays its next international game against Rumania next week abroad.

Knesset body ensures pensions to more MKs

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset House Committee yesterday acted to ensure a pension to members under age 40, who are not re-elected and who would have reached 40 if the Knesset had completed its regular term.

The 20 per cent life pension will be payable when the member reaches 40. The committee's decision applies only to members who have served from the beginning of the Tenth Knesset.

Three MKs will benefit from the ruling, if they are not re-elected: Eliezer Kulas (Likud-Liberals), David Magen (Likud-Herut), and Ehud Olmert (Likud-La'am).

Kulas, who is chairman of the Law Committee, and Deputy Speaker Moshe Shahal (Alignment) were involved in drafting the measure, but yesterday they both

denied having initiated it. Kulas said he would request the committee to reconsider the matter.

Magen told Kol Yisrael yesterday that he had not known in advance what the committee was up to. He called it "nothing but corruption."

In addition to the life pension, the beneficiaries will also receive, in return for their three years of Knesset.

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Gavriel Bach to head elections committee

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Supreme Court Justice Gavriel Bach is to head the Central Elections Committee. The selection, made by the Supreme Court justices, was announced to Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor by Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar.

Election rules finalized

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Election day will not be deferred one day, as Agudat Yisrael requested, but will be held on Monday, July 23, as agreed to last week by the Likud and the Alignment.

Agudat Yisrael maintained that Monday was so close to Saturday that preparations for elections on that day would necessarily entail desecration of the Sabbath.

Law Committee chairman Eliezer Kulas was inclined to agree. Presenting the Dispersal of the Knesset Bill for its first reading, he said that polling station committees were in the habit of making their preparations "not the day before the elections but a day and a half or two days before."

Kulas urged the Alignment to agree to the deferment. He denied media reports that the Likud wanted Tuesday elections because Monday elections meant that campaigning must end on Saturday night. In fact, campaigning for Monday elections could continue until 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Several hours later, however, when he presented the bill for its second reading, Kulas announced that although the Aguda had lost in its bid to defer the elections by one day, it had reached a substitute agreement with the Likud and Alignment.

No campaigning would take place

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Sources confirm Druse held for year by DFLP

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Security sources confirmed yesterday that Druse soldier Samir Assad had been held for a year by Naif Hawatme's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The sources said the group had refused to admit it, had refused to give information about the prisoner and had refused Red Cross visits.

The DFLP announced yesterday in Damascus that they had captured Assad, whom they described as a sergeant, but did not say when he was captured.

In 'last-minute' decision—Levy withdraws from Herut premiership race

Shamir 'better than Peres,' Levy allows

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Deputy Premier David Levy was pointedly parsimonious last night in his praise for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. "Better than Peres" was the best Levy could bring himself to say of the premier when he was asked last night, on TV's *Moked* whether Shamir is "the best candidate for prime minister."

Many political observers could not help but draw an analogy between Levy's grudging renunciation of his candidacy and Yitzhak Navon's renunciation last Friday of the idea of running for the labour leadership.

Both men extolled their own popularity in the polls. Both cited "the atmosphere" in their respective parties which sought unity and discouraged an honest, open fight for the leadership. Both had nary a good word for the two men they declined to challenge, Shamir and Shimon Peres. Both made it clear by broad hint that they held their options open, and that if Shamir/Peres fail they will each be waiting in the wings, ready to renew their bid for centre-stage.

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By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Prime Minister David Levy will after all not challenge Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for the Likud leadership.

Levy kept the entire Herut Party and his closest confidants in suspense until it was learned what he told Shamir at their meeting early yesterday evening. Levy's supporters were described as the most surprised of all.

Levy said his decision resulted from a wish to keep the party united in the face of the greater challenge on polling day from the Alignment, and to prevent any lingering bitterness in the party. He said the decision was a sacrifice and the most difficult of his political life.

He maintained that he could have won had he decided to challenge Shamir. He had earlier decided in favour of a contest, but changed his mind at the last moment, Levy said.

Shamir was as surprised as anyone. Minutes before Levy was due to see him, Deputy Minister Dov Shilansky conferred with the prime minister and told him that from a conversation he had held shortly before with Levy, he was convinced that Levy was intent on the challenge.

But Herut still faces a leadership contest. The party's central com-

mittee is to vote next Thursday. Minister-without-Portfolio Ariel Sharon has officially entered the race and it will be avoided only if he heads calls from both Levy and Shamir not to disrupt party unity.

If Sharon does pull out it will not be because of Shamir's efforts to dissuade him. Shamir is not worried by Sharon, for with Levy out of the way Sharon can be expected to be triumphant.

Speaking to reporters, after meeting the prime minister, Levy described the prime minister as "very surprised and happy to hear what I had to say."

Levy said: "This is the time to do all we can to unify the movement and not cause a rift, which would only be exploited by our political opponents. I feel that I could have led the party to victory; but personally I felt this would be an imperfect victory. I also am not sure the other side would have accepted win, defeat as gracefully as I did," he said, referring to his last contest with Shamir over the party leadership six months ago.

"I could not make a move that would leave even the smallest trace of acrimony among friends. A very strong consideration was that I would be pitting myself against a serving prime minister and could have been highly problematic."

Levy vowed full support for Shamir and promised to "forge ahead with him in a unified team."

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Each MK worth IS14m. to party campaign

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday voted to raise the state financing of political parties by 57 per cent.

This means that each Knesset member will be worth IS14 million to his party in the state funding of the coming election campaign, and that the total for the 120 MKs will be IS1.68 billion.

Last week it was reported that the respective figures would be IS8.9m. and IS1.1 billion.

In addition, the committee

decided to supplement the state financing of the parties' current expenses, retroactive to October 1, 1983, to the tune of IS130 million.

The committee acted on a motion of Yehuda Hashai (Alignment), who also represented the Likud and the National Religious Party.

It was later reported that Eitan Livni (Likud-Herut) and Avraham Melamed (NRP) had second thoughts. But committee chairman Shlomo Lorincz said he had received no request for another vote. If such a request were forthcoming, he would be happy to

convince the committee for the purpose, he said.

Hashai justified the increases on the grounds that the "financing unit" (the amount paid to the parties for campaign expenses, per Knesset member) had been linked only 90 per cent. And it had been linked to the consumer price index rather than to the more inflationary average wage.

The committee's decisions on the value of the financing unit do not require the approval of the Knesset or any other body.

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Jlem plans new cemetery in West Bank

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem plans to bury most of its Jewish dead in the future in a new West Bank cemetery near Ma'ale Adumim. The *Jerusalem Post* has learned.

According to plans being discussed in various planning forums, the cemetery will be built outside the municipal boundaries on the new road from Ma'ale Adumim to French Hill.

A source involved in the search for a new cemetery for Jerusalem said the various bodies involved in

the plans were aware of the political consequences of their decision. The source said that one person saw it in a "positive light," adding that a major cemetery "would increase our hold" on the area.

"It's like a settlement, only stronger," this person reportedly said.

Ephraim Shilo, the Interior Ministry official who deals with Jerusalem affairs, said last night "there was no other alternative" to the site in Ma'ale Adumim. Jerusalem's main cemeteries for Jews, Har

Hamenuhot and the Mount of Olives are nearly full. Previous attempts to win planning approval for the main cemetery within the Green Line, near Moshav Aminadav, ran into objections from the Mateh Yehuda Regional Council.

The four authorities involved in planning the cemetery are the Jerusalem Municipality, the Housing Ministry, the Judea and Samaria Civilian Administration planning officers and the Interior Ministry.

The cemetery is to be built on a

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Police questioned terrorists before attack

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem police yesterday admitted that two of the three terrorists suspected of staging the mass attack in central Jerusalem on Monday morning had been questioned by police on Sunday morning but were not arrested.

A statement issued by spokesman Rafi Levy said the two men were "checked" by police, but the results

did "not raise any suspicions so there was no reason to detain them."

The two were reportedly spotted by a police informer while they were renting a car from the Rockefeller car rental agency in East Jerusalem. The rented red Autobianchi was used to take them to the attack, and one of them used it in an attempt to get away.

Police refused to reveal details.

According to one report, police, after questioning the men and looking at their papers, turned down a suggestion from the informer to shadow the two men, who had arrived from Lebanon.

By yesterday evening police were not sure whether the two had been brought before a magistrate for a remand hearing. One police officer said this hearing might have already taken place.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

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| BRUSSELS | 3 | 37 | 45 | Cloudy |
| BURBANK | 10 | 50 | 63 | Clear |
| CHICAGO | 9 | 38 | 41 | Snow |
| COPENHAGEN | 3 | 37 | 43 | Cloudy |
| FRANKFURT | 2 | 36 | 43 | Snow |
| GENEVA | 3 | 37 | 41 | Clear |
| HALLING | 2 | 36 | 43 | Cloudy |
| HONG KONG | 25 | 77 | 81 | Cloudy |
| JOHANNESBURG | 13 | 55 | 70 | Clear |
| LONDON | 13 | 55 | 64 | Clear |
| MADRID | 13 | 55 | 68 | Cloudy |
| MONTREAL | 3 | 37 | 40 | Clear |
| NEW YORK | 7 | 45 | 51 | Clear |
| OSLO | 1 | 34 | 40 | Snow |
| PARIS | 2 | 36 | 48 | Cloudy |
| RIO DE JANEIRO | 22 | 72 | 87 | Rain |
| SAO PAULO | 21 | 70 | 81 | Cloudy |
| STOCKHOLM | 2 | 36 | 41 | Snow |
| TOKYO | 8 | 41 | 52 | Cloudy |
| TORONTO | 2 | 36 | 41 | Clear |
| VINNA | 1 | 34 | 46 | Cloudy |
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| Safed | 55 | 15-21 | 19 |
| Haifa Port | 79 | 16-21 | 20 |
| Tiberias | 64 | 14-25 | 22 |
| Nazareth | — | 16-23 | 22 |
| Afula | 61 | 14-24 | 21 |
| Shomron | 56 | 12-22 | 20 |
| Tel Aviv | 74 | 14-20 | 20 |
| B-G Airport | 66 | 14-22 | 21 |
| Jericho | 42 | 16-23 | 25 |
| Gaza | 74 | 16-20 | 19 |
| Be'er Sheva | 50 | 14-24 | 23 |
| Eilat | 25 | 16-30 | 27 |

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Danish Minister of Education and Mrs. Bertel Haarder, together with Dr. Inge Thygesen, Permanent Undersecretary of the Danish Ministry of Education, and Ms. Hanna Holm, personal secretary to the minister, yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute of Science, and were the luncheon guests of the dean of its Feinberg Graduate School, Prof. Shmuel Shaltiel.

Dr. Mordechai Wertheimer, the commissioner of prisons, will be the speaker at the Rotary Club meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel at 1.15 p.m. today.

The Bertha and Max Densen Chair in Immunology at the Lautenberg Centre for General and Tumour Immunology at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School was dedicated yesterday in the presence of members of the Densen family, friends and participants in the 46th annual meeting of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Board of Governors.

SHAMIR

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Said Levy last night: "This is not the end of the road for me... When the time comes, I'll be ready not for disappointments, but for rejoicing and a little pride."

Levy made a point of mentioning, too, the latest opinion poll, which put the Likud well behind Labour. This was one of the chief considerations pressing him to run against the premier, he said.

He also stressed his reservations over central elements of the government's economic and social policy and his "differences" with other policy-makers over the urgency with which Israel ought to strive to extricate itself from Lebanon. While he dutifully defended the government's record, he seemed at the same time to be consciously underscoring his own position, outside the cabinet consensus.

Levy deliberately dwelt on the prime minister's undertaking to him, at their meeting earlier, that there will now be "an unbreakable alliance" between them. "You are a rising force," Levy quoted Shamir as telling him. "Everything is open to you, David. We will consult over everything in the future. Everything will be decided jointly."

Levy said he would "consider" heading the Likud's election campaign headquarters. But neither this post, he said, nor a promise of the foreign ministry in the future, was a condition for his standing down. "What is a leader?" he asked rhetorically. "A leader is a man who sometimes makes sacrifices for the movement."

INSTITUTE. — Tel Aviv University's Institute of Labour and Social Studies will be named after former prime minister Golda Meir.

HOME NEWS

Two charged with attempting to blow up Dome of the Rock

Two alleged members of the group which tried to blow up Islam's holiest sites in Jerusalem last January were charged in district court yesterday with the crime, and with causing damage to another mosque near the city last month.

Uzi Mahsia Alon, 46, and Yehuda Limai, 31, who lived in the abandoned village of Lifta at the entrance to Jerusalem, were charged with conspiring and attempting to use explosives to cause damage to a holy place — the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aksa Mosque in the Old City — and with illegal possession and bearing of arms. Two other suspects, Shimon Barda and Eliahu Saror, are still at large.

The charge sheet lists a large and varied collection of explosives gathered by the defendants for their plan. They are said to have begun planning the attack last summer, and to have intended to carry it out on a dark, rainy night, when chances of success were considered better.

On the night of January 26, about 10 p.m., according to the charges, Alon and Limai unloaded their carefully prepared explosives near the Lions' Gate, east of the mosque area. They proceeded to a spot near the sealed Golden Gate, and scaled the wall with the help of a specially built ladder. Only as they ap-

proached the Dome of the Rock were they noticed by Moslem guards patrolling the area. Asked to identify themselves, the attackers fled, leaving behind much of their equipment and material.

In a second incident, Limai is charged, together with the fugitive Barda, with planting a homemade bomb under the minaret of the Nabi Samwil Mosque north of Jerusalem. It exploded on the night of March 7, causing damage.

Prosecution listed 31 witnesses it intends to call during the trial, and asked that the defendants be held until it ends.

Judge Shalom Brenner will decide on the request today, when court-appointed defence attorney Ya'acov Rubin will be able to represent the defendants. He was only assigned yesterday, when the judge became aware that Alon and Limai had no lawyer.

Alon appeared at yesterday's hearing with a large blue skullcap on his head, and Limai had a brown scarf wrapped around his head and clutched a Bible. Saying that "this country is full of deceivers," Alon said he suffers from heart disease and asked to be sent for a psychiatric examination, as did Limai. The judge asked prison doctors to examine them. (Itim)

Court to decide if to hold bus attackers

The Jerusalem District Court is to decide on Friday, April 13, whether the four suspects charged with attacking an Arab bus near Ramallah, and other attacks on Arabs, are to be held until the end of their trial.

The prosecution asserted yesterday that Matt Leibowitz, Levi Hazan, Yehuda Richter and Yekutiel Gossovsky were charged with grave offenses and suggested that, if released, they would put pressure on state witness Craig Leitner to change his evidence.

Various arguments were put by the defence counsel to justify releasing their clients. Richter was said to be an amateur, Gossovsky was serving in Lebanon, Hazan was described as "only involved in the planning," and Leibowitz's lawyer said he had not meant to harm people, but only damage the bus.

In his statement to the police, Leitner described how on March 4 he drove Richter and Leibowitz in a hired vehicle to the road where the attack was planned. They were

armed with rifles and dressed with gloves and face-masks.

Leitner said he waited in the car, reciting psalms and prayers, until he heard a burst of automatic fire. The other two then ran back to the car and he drove off. After one and a half kilometres they threw the rifles behind a shrub and he then drove back to the Jerusalem suburb of Ramot, via the Ramallah-Latrun road.

The prosecution presented the court with the statement in order to reinforce their demand that the accused be held until the end of their trial.

The prosecution also submitted statements from some of the accused, as well as other evidence, including video films of a reconstruction of the crime.

Leitner said in his statement that he and Richter had planned the attack on the bus and had persuaded Leibowitz to join them. They had planned to make their getaway via the Ramallah-Latrun road to avoid roadblocks. (Itim)

Treasury weighs loan compensation

Post Economic Reporter
The Treasury is considering granting partial compensation to holders of the 1971 defence loan certificates who are willing to redeposit their money in a savings scheme.

Repayment of the loan is pegged to the December 1983 price index, and holders of certificates — redemption of which started this week and will continue during the year — will lose all linkage from January to the date of maturity.

According to the proposals, which would apply from May only, those holding certificates maturing from May to August would be able to convert them into a three-year saving scheme and get full linkage from April. This means they would

lose only three months of inflation, January to March.

Holders of certificates maturing from August to December would receive the same conditions, but would be required to save for five years.

Electricity rate up

Post Economic Reporter
The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved a 10 per cent hike in the prices of electricity effective April 1. The Energy Ministry had sought a 14 per cent hike.

The proximity of elections was clearly felt throughout the committee's deliberations. The Alignment proposed limiting the rise to 8 per cent, while the coalition approved the 10 per cent hike.

UN suggests increased Unifil role

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
United Nations diplomats have proposed that Unifil troops move into any area of South Lebanon to be vacated by the IDF.

UN Undersecretary-General, Brian Urquhart, and his top aide, Jean-Claude Aime, are understood to have put this idea to Israeli, Syrian and Lebanese leaders during a recent shuttle tour of regional capitals.

They argued in Jerusalem, Damascus and Beirut that an enhanced UN role in South Lebanon could serve the interests of all parties.

Urquhart and Aime are flying back to New York today to prepare a report for the Security Council prior to its half-yearly vote on the Unifil mandate, later this month. UN sources said Urquhart felt he had an accurate picture of how the governments in the region were thinking on South Lebanon, and believed there was common ground which the UN could build on.

Yesterday Urquhart met with Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche and chief IDF liaison officer Dov Sion in Jerusalem. Israeli officials said the two men had reiterated Israel's view that Unifil could not be an effective part of security arrangements in the south. They drew a distinction, as Premier Yitzhak Shamir has done in the past, between peace supervision and active peacekeeping, arguing that Unifil was neither equipped nor mandated to engage in active peacekeeping against hostile elements.

Visiting mayors praise Jerusalem and Kollek

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Calling the development of Jerusalem "one of the great urban success stories of this century," some of the 25 mayors visiting Jerusalem yesterday expressed their admiration for building and development projects in the capital.

The mayors, visiting Jerusalem for the fifth conference of mayors, yesterday took part in a press conference with Mayor Teddy Kollek and praised him to the skies.

Especially impressed seemed Prodromos Papavasiliou, acting mayor of Famagusta, Cyprus, a divided city, who praised the coexistence, "peace, love and understanding" he found in Jerusalem.

Investigation chief won't answer Knesset body

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Police investigations division chief Nitzav Yehzekel Carthy yesterday stonewalled a barrage of questions in the Knesset State Control Committee about the Assaf Hefetz information leak inquiry.

Carthy said that since the report of Nitzav Shmuel Eitan, the police controller, on the Hefetz information leak, had been submitted to Interior Minister Yosef Burg, the minister had been too busy to read it, because of the Jerusalem terror attack. The Knesset would have to wait until Burg found the time, he said.

Committee chairman Avraham Katz-Oz warned that he would ask State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik to intervene if Carthy did not give the report to the committee by next Monday.

The information leak probe centred on allegations that Nitzav-Mishne Assaf Hefetz had told journalists that intelligence reports on the Lifta gang, which allegedly attacked Christian and Moslem institutions, had not been acted upon in time to prevent the attacks.

Burg said yesterday that Eitan's report would be published once the discussions on it were completed. This followed a preliminary discussion in the minister's bureau, when Eitan presented his report. He was asked to check out a number of details before the next meeting.

Mapam MK Imri Ron put a list of 21 questions on the information leak to Carthy. The officer refused to answer.

Ron contended that no only had Tel Aviv police sent Jerusalem police crucial information about the Lifta gang, but this information had

remained with Jerusalem intelligence officers instead of being passed on to the special investigation team handling the first attacks against churches and convents prior to the Al-Aksa sabotage attempt.

Ron also asserted that the first investigation team, as well as the second investigation team which replaced it after the Al-Aksa attack, did not include any intelligence personnel.

He said that even after the Jerusalem investigators gave top priority to the hunt for ringleader Shimon Barda, coordination between the Jerusalem investigators and Tel Aviv police headquarters was established far too slowly, although Barda was known to be a Tel Aviv resident.

Ron wanted to know why the police refused to admit having made any mistakes.

ELECTION BRIEFS

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

Ne'eman, Eitan confer

Tehiya leader Yuval Ne'eman and ex-chief of staff Rafael Eitan, head of Tsomet, met for two hours yesterday in their first session to work out a united front of their movements. More such meetings are expected.

Ne'eman reported later that Eitan's slot on the joint list has not been discussed but that he is "cer-

tain that Raful will not appear at the end of the list."

Merger on left?

On the left, an attempt is being made to merge the Sheli splinter led by Ran Cohen and Shulamit Aloni's Citizens' Rights Movement. After the 1981 elections, in which Aloni won her party's sole Knesset seat, she joined the Alignment, but is now leaving its framework in order to run independently. The talks are at Sheli's initiative.

Rogosin workers, council bid to end strike

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Striking workers at the Rogosin textile and fabric factory in Ashdod met last night with members of the local labour council in an attempt to find a solution to the three-month strike. The meeting was still continuing at press time.

Labour council head Yehuda Ben-Harush was expected to inform the workers of the establishment of a high-level Histadrut committee to deal with the strike, and to ask the workers to trust the committee and return to work.

The Histadrut committee, consisting of three members of the Histadrut Central Committee, was established on Sunday. Committee head Eliahu Reif told *The Jerusalem Post* that the committee met throughout yesterday with members of the Ashdod labour committee and with Rogosin workers' committee chairman.

Reif said that the committee aimed at a temporary agreement allowing the workers to return to work. The committee was due to meet again last night.

The Rogosin workers went out on strike in December after management announced its intention to cut a third of the labour force. Though the strike was originally supported by the Ashdod labour council, the workers and the council later fell out after the council supported a return to work.

Management sent letters to the workers this week informing them that any worker who did not return to work on a specified date would be considered as having resigned.

MK PENSIONS

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set service, 25,000 free telephone call units a year for life, and free transportation for life on buses and the railway.

Speaker Menahem Savidor told Kol Yisrael that he would not comment before seeing the text of the committee's resolution. But he did say that "it does not improve the Knesset's image."

The committee is sovereign in deciding on MKs' salaries and benefits. Under its pension rules, any member who is 40 or over when he ceases to serve in the Knesset, qualifies for a lifetime pension of 20 per cent for each term he has served.

If a Knesset is dispersed before completing its term, members who are 40 or over are credited with having served a full term. Up to yesterday, members below 40 were not reached the age of 40 even by November 9 1985, when the Tenth Knesset was due to disperse, will not benefit from the new measure. An example is Rakah MK Charlie Biton.

DAY-CARE. — Day-care centre fees will not be raised this month, pending the recommendations of a committee examining the costs of day-care centres.

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved and unforgettable wife, mother and grandmother.

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The funeral will take place today, April 5, 1984 at 3:00 p.m. at Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.
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ARTHUR SEELIG

The funeral will take place today, leaving at 1.00 p.m. from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour for Har Hamenuhot, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

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IS700m. tax claim against teacher

By DAVID RUDGE

HAIFA. — Math teacher David Levy has been ordered to pay back taxes totalling more than IS700 million (\$4.5 million) by income tax authorities, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

The demand, for the years 1979-1982, is apparently based on the Income Tax Commission's allegation that he failed to report earnings of IS1.5m. during that period.

The 41-year-old teacher, who lives in the city and works at a local school, maintains that he made the money on the stock exchange, which is tax exempt.

The tax demand was delivered by a courier to Levy's home direct from the income tax office in Haifa three days ago.

The handwritten demand

ordered him to pay the sum immediately, and warned that if he failed to do so, the Income Tax Commission would take out an order to prevent him from leaving the country.

At the same time the tax office, through the local magistrates court, made an attachment order on several household items, including a colour-television, refrigerator, living room table and carpet.

In addition, the commission's investigation department took out another order closing his bank account. But Levy's attorneys Yitzhak Reinfeld and Ran Reinfingerer successfully appealed to the court yesterday to cancel the order concerning his bank account.

Armed with this cancellation, Levy went to his bank — only to find

that the Income Tax Commission had frozen all his assets on its own authority, said Reinfeld.

Reinfeld said the commission had acted hastily and illegally in all aspects of the case.

He said that since the IS1.5m. was earned from the stock exchange it is therefore tax exempt. Levy had not been asked to submit a report on these earnings, nor was he legally bound to do so. At the same time, he said, the Income Tax Commission had hastily drawn up "arbitrary" tax demands without inviting Levy to even put his side of the case, said Reinfeld.

The attorney said he was considering what further action to take on behalf of his client including the possibility of submitting a petition to the High Court of Justice.

Uri Porat will direct Broadcasting Authority

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Broadcasting Authority plenum yesterday decided without dissenting votes to recommend to the cabinet that Uri Porat, former spokesman of the prime minister, be the authority's new director-general.

The Labour Party representatives on the 3-member plenum, whose earlier proposal to nominate an acting director-general to serve until after the July elections was roundly defeated, did not vote.

Porat, a *Yediot Aharonot* journalist who was the spokesman of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Menachem Begin, will take office next week, after receiving cabinet approval. He replaces Yosef Lapid, who served for five years. Porat's nomination will be brought to the government on Sunday.

Recommendations for Porat came from *Yediot Aharonot* colleague Arye Zimuki, who maintained that although the former prime ministerial spokesman is known for his right-wing positions "He is for a pluralism of views if they are balanced."

The first meeting of the new plenum at Jerusalem's Clal Centre was uncharacteristically well-attended. The style of the new chairman, Micha Yinnon of the National Religious Party, was typified by his beginning the session with quotations from the Bible and Rabbi Nahman of Breslav.

Israel Television cameramen decided to return to work yesterday, answering a call by the new board of directors. The board promised that within two weeks the new director-general would propose a solution to the issue of on-screen credits for cameramen.

Three times in the last week the cameramen refused to film in the field, pressing their demand that their names appear as credits, and forced the abbreviation of *Mabat* into the reading of headlines.

TV director Tuvia Sa'ar yesterday proposed new criteria for giving cameramen screen credits: if the film is over three minutes in length, but is not an interview or press conference; if a special effort or artistic quality is involved in the photography; if the film was made in Lebanon; and if the filming involved danger. In the past, on-screen credit for cameramen and technicians was granted only for film made in dangerous situations.

Attempted stabbing of soldier in Old City

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A reserve soldier suffered scratches in what police described as an attempted stabbing in an Old City alley last night.

The soldier was attacked on Rehov Hagai, one of the main arteries inside the Moslem Quarter. Police said he was treated on the spot and was not taken to a first aid centre. An Arab shopkeeper near the scene of the attack was arrested but police said the alleged attacker escaped.

The area around the lower part of Rehov Hagai near the Temple Mount has been one of the most tense in the Old City in recent months. There was marked tension between Arab residents of the neighbourhood and Jews who moved in, especially into the Birkat Avraham yeshiva. The area is close to both the Dome of the Rock and the Western Wall.

Conditions worsen for Yemen Jews, MKs told

Post Knesset Correspondent

Jews in Yemen have been facing increasing harassment lately, the Knesset Immigration Committee was informed yesterday. Arrangements for mail contact between Yemenite Jews and their relatives in Israel have been suspended, the committee heard. This makes it harder to know about the problems affecting the approximately 1,000 Jews still living there.

Report says Israel sold arms to Morocco, Indonesia

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel has sold arms to four Moslem countries, including an Arab nation. This is disclosed in a report of Tel Aviv University's Institute of Strategic Studies, due to be published in English shortly.

Details of the report were published yesterday in the weekly *Kahane* *Rashit*.

The report, by political scientist Prof. Aharon Kleiman, deals with sales up to 1982, and is based on information openly published abroad.

According to the report, Israel has sold weapons to Morocco, Iran, Indonesia and Malaysia. Morocco received tanks and armoured personnel carriers, but the quantity and the dates of sale are not included in the report. In 1981, Iran received overhauled jet engines, spare parts for tanks and airplane tires. Indonesia and Malaysia got Skyhawk warplanes in 1979 and 1980 and Malaysia also bought Gabriel missiles.

Other customers for Israeli weapons are found in Latin America, Western Europe and Africa. The report says that the country's weapons industry employs 60,000 workers, and accounts for a fifth of the country's industrial exports.

Kleiman writes that there are indications that the arms export business has reached its peak and actually began to decline. This is not a bad thing in his judgment, because the arms business is a chance one and it should not account for too high a proportion of a country's exports.

The report also mentions the renewal of military ties with the Marxist regime of Ethiopia. It writes that these were apparently resumed after the regime's Soviet-trained troops suffered defeats by Eritrean rebels.

Kleiman estimates that Israel is 12th in the list of arms-exporting nations, well behind the U.S., the Soviet Union, Britain and France.

U.S. consulate in E. J'lem acts 'intolerably,' says AJC

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Leaders of the American Jewish Congress yesterday described as "intolerable" the activities of the U.S. consulate in East Jerusalem, which is independent of the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv.

"While the consulate develops contacts and political links with pro-PLO and nationalist Arabs in the territories, it refuses to meet with Arab moderates who represent the village leagues and others," AJC president Theodore Mann and colleagues Phil Baum and Henry Siegman told a press conference at Beit Agron.

In the AJC's first statement

after a five-day convention in Jerusalem, it objected to the fact that consular officials report directly to Washington, by-passing the Tel Aviv embassy, and maintain no official ties on the national level with Israeli representatives.

Mann said changing the consulate's independent status was not meant as a compromise proposal in place of demands to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem.

On another issue, Mann said he expected no permanent damage to Jewish-black relations due to the current presidential campaign, since U.S. blacks "know that their strongest supporters over the years are American Jews."

Official denies food contains carcinogens

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The head of the Public Health Service of the Health Ministry, Dr. Alma Avni, said yesterday that no proven carcinogens or mutagens are used as preservatives in Israeli food.

Avni was replying to charges by Dr. Jerry Westin, recently discharged head of the ministry's Food Administration, who said numerous carcinogenic and mutagenic substances are being used, among them certain food colourings.

Westin yesterday wrote to Health Minister Eliezer Shostak requesting a hearing by impartial scientific persons to allow him to refute the charge that he was discharged because his performance during his year as head of the Food Administration was "not up to expectations."

Westin also charges that sufficient attention is not being paid to

ceramic tableware which can contaminate food with lead and cadmium, to materials released by certain types of cooking pots and to insufficient labelling warning of dangers when some products are misused.

Protest at city hall

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). — A protest vigil by Orthodox persons against Sabbath desecration in this town started yesterday morning outside city hall, but broke up in the afternoon following a request by police.

The 50 demonstrators, led by Petah Tikva's Chief Rabbi Baruch Solomon and Moshe Molcho, were ordered by police to stand only on the sidewalk across the street from the building. One man who refused was detained and held in a police car at the site until the vigil ended. He was then released.

Blood drive keeps injured girl alive

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yafit Sheps, a nine-year-old girl seriously injured on Tuesday in Netanya when her schoolbag apparently got caught in a bus door and she was dragged some distance, was conscious yesterday although doctors at Laniado Hospital said her condition is still critical.

A call for rare O Rh negative blood was sent out on Tuesday night when the Magen David Adom blood bank said supplies were short. It was answered by many persons including staff and students of the Sanz Yeshiva, doctors' wives and the head of Laniado's laboratory. Yafit received a large number of transfusions during 11 hours of surgery.

A senior surgeon at the hospital said he has never seen a person so seriously injured who was still alive, and that the child's will to live was phenomenal.

Teachers protest decision to cut classroom hours

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Secondary School Teachers Association yesterday protested against the Education Ministry's decision to cut one hour of instruction a week in every high school class.

Shoshana Bayer, chairwoman of the association, said the decision contradicts repeated promises by the minister and other top ministry officials that teaching hours will not be cut. Bayer said she and her union learned about the decision to cut an hour a week because they were shown an internal memorandum meant only for the eyes of district superintendents.

The cutback will ultimately have to endanger teachers' positions, despite promises not to fire tenured teachers, she asserted, and will also be harmful to pupils.

Bayer explained that the principal of each school will have the right to decide what subjects will be cut. The teachers object to this power being given to principals, because they fear it will be abused by some who may want to hurt a particular teacher's interests by cutting or eliminating his or her subject area.

When Bayer called Education Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli to demand an explanation, Shmueli promised to meet with her and with other union representatives. No date has been set.

Meanwhile, the union has made it clear that it will take "professional action," which could mean a strike.

COMMUNISTS — Egypt yesterday put on trial 13 alleged Communists charged with subversion and plotting to overthrow the government by force.

Marine officers end strike after court accord

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Marine Officers Union yesterday called off its strike on Israeli ships in home and foreign ports, following a compromise in the labour court here on its claims for the port pilots. The pilots had already returned to work, honouring an injunction issued Tuesday afternoon by the Tel Aviv Labour Court at the request of the Ports Authority.

The compromise, which was given the validity of a judgement,

provides for the union and the Histadrut to meet with the director-general of the Treasury to work out a final settlement of their demands within 15 days.

Although the judgment concerns only the demands of the port pilots, the union immediately called all their men back to work in order not to place Israeli ships at a disadvantage against foreign competitors.

The strike, which started Tuesday morning, had been called mainly to get government aid for the Israeli merchant fleet in order to enable it

to hold out in the continuing shipping crisis.

Union secretary Capt. Ephraim Marcovitz hoped a settlement would be reached with the Treasury within the time limit set and the union would not have to resume the strike. The world-wide shipping slump, which has continued for several years, shows little sign of ending. The union wants the government to adopt a positive shipping policy to aid the country's merchant fleet as it says most maritime countries do.

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Staff firings may close Haifa Museum

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Haifa Museum, which attracts tens of thousands of visitors a year, is threatened with closure, staff members disclosed yesterday.

Museum employees received a letter from management yesterday morning saying that due to the proposed dismissal of eight guides, the museum would be closed. The museum has not yet submitted its request for 1984-85, but its directors have been told that the budget must suffer deep cuts.

According to some museum sources, the latest firings and closure threats are part of an attempt by outgoing director Ami Shavit to induce the city to either maintain its support or take responsibility for the drastic consequences of a major cut.

But Mayor Arye Gurel said a final decision has not been made. The city is checking the viability of each department and will give its answer soon, he said.

Gurel's words did not ease the tension among museum staff, 18 of whom received dismissal letters on Tuesday. Management later announced that in addition, the eight guides will also be dismissed.

More than 20 employees were fired two months ago, bringing the

total number of dismissals to nearly 50 — about half the previous work force.

The museum budget has averaged about \$1 million annually in recent years, 75 per cent of which comes from the city, 10 per cent from the Education Ministry and the balance from revenue and donations. The museum has not yet submitted its request for 1984-85, but its directors have been told that the budget must suffer deep cuts.

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NIGHT SCHOOL. — A new night school for workers, sponsored by the Sapir Negev College, was dedicated at Sha'ar Haneguv on Tuesday. Some 150 persons have enrolled for courses.

3 Gazans remanded in fatal road crash

ASHKELON (Itim). — Three Gaza residents are being held on suspicion of involvement in the road crash near Kibbutz Yad Mordechai on Monday in which three Border Policemen were killed.

A special investigation team established that the accident took place during a chase after a gang of car thieves. The Border Police jeep, while overtaking the thieves in one of their stolen cars, collided with a truck coming in the opposite direction.

Police said that the three suspects remanded in magistrate's court here yesterday are members of a gang which steals cars in Israel and either alters their serial numbers or strips them for parts.

Samson pretender slapped with another conviction

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — An Ashkelon man was sentenced to two months in prison yesterday for breaking a set of handcuffs put on him by guards at Beersheba prison.

Ilan Kochavi, 26, caused damage worth IS162 when the incident occurred in January 1981, the magistrates court was told. The sentence will run concurrently with a term he is serving for another offence.

SUMMER MAGIC. — The Israel Museum is to feature magicians, sleight-of-hand artists and minstrels in its summer festival for July and August. Those interested in participating should call 02-698213.

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Shultz calls for 'active defence' against international terrorism

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State George Shultz said Tuesday the U.S. and its allies must engage in an "active defence" against state-sponsored terrorism, which he called "a weapon of unconventional war against democratic societies."

Shultz said terrorism raised a host of questions for a free society, among them how to take preventive or pre-emptive action against known terrorist groups and what evidence should be insisted on before taking such steps.

"As the threat mounts, and as the involvement of such countries as Iran, Syria, Libya and North Korea has become more and more evident, then it is more and more appropriate that the nations of the West face up to the need for active defence against terrorism," he said in a speech to the Trilateral Commission, which is meeting here. "State sponsored terrorism is really a form of warfare," he added.

The commission is described as a group of 200 leaders of the private sector from various countries who study international problems but who represent no particular political viewpoint.

Shultz called terrorism a weapon directed against America's interests, values and allies, adding that once it was seen to work the threat would grow greater.

Last October a suicide bomber destroyed the Marine headquarters in Beirut with the loss of 241 lives. The attack was blamed on an Iranian group, sanctioned by Syria.

Shultz has for some months been promising recommendations on ways of combating terrorism, but he did not offer any in his remarks.

He said the need to combat terrorism raises "a host of questions for a free society." Among them, he said, are in what circumstances and in what way should nations respond to terrorism.

Shultz suggested that procedures should be adopted for striking first at terrorist groups before they can mount their attacks.

He said the terrorist threat is mounting and that a passive strategy that relies on security precautions and intelligence gathering is insufficient to provide protection.

"We have no choice... but to address ourselves boldly to the chal-

lenge," Shultz said.

Shultz also was critical of members of Congress and others who he said question the use of American military power in pursuit of what he called worthwhile diplomatic objectives, such as in Lebanon and Central America.

He said the real question in Central America is not whether the U.S. believes in military solutions, but whether it has "a moral right to try to stop" those who try to impose a Marxist solution by force.

"We cannot opt out of every contest," he said. "If we do, the world's future will be determined by others — most likely by those who are the most brutal, the most unscrupulous, and the most hostile to our deeply held principles."

"Our morality should be a source of courage when we make hard decisions, not a set of excuses for self-paralysis," he said. (AP, Reuters)

Strike in northern India to protest Sikh violence

CHANDIGARH, India (AP). — A day-long general strike protesting against escalating Sikh terrorist attacks on shops, factories and businesses in northern India yesterday, while authorities declared Chandigarh a disturbed area.

Thousands of people attended the funeral of national legislator Vishwa Nath Tiwari, assassinated Tuesday by unidentified Sikh gunmen in the living room of his home in Chandigarh, a disputed territory that serves as the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana states.

Police and paramilitary troops were armed with emergency powers under a 1983 Armed Forces Act to flush out terrorists in Chandigarh. The legislation was invoked on Tuesday night to declare all of Punjab a "dangerously disturbed region."

The protest shutdown was observed in Haryana, the Indian capital, Jammu region and Himachal Pradesh, north of here in the foothills of the Himalayas.

In New Delhi, police used metal-tipped bamboo staves to scatter

rioting strikers who stoned buses and attempted to set them on fire. About 200 people were detained on charges of violating a ban on public assembly.

Opposition leaders, meanwhile, demanded in the Indian parliament that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government halt terrorism in Punjab or resign.

"Punjab is bleeding and burning. The breakdown of law and order there is posing a threat to the security of people in other parts of the country," said Madhu Dandavate, a respected lawmaker of the Janata party.

Dandavate said 220 people have been murdered since the Akali Dal, the main Sikh political group, began an agitation 20 months ago.

The lower house was divided in opinions about the need to amend article 25 of the constitution, which classifies Sikhs as a Hindu sect.

Sikhs, whose sect is a blend of Hindu and Islamic teachings, want to be recognized as a distinct religion and have been burning copies of the article in protest.

Iraqi air force and army in separate attacks on Iran

BAGHDAD (AP). — The Iraqi air force and army launched separate attacks yesterday against Iranian positions east of the nations' 1,180-kilometre border, scoring "direct and effective hits," a war communiqué issued here said.

The communiqué, released by the general command of the Iraqi armed forces, said most of the attacks concentrated on Iranian positions in the southern and southern-central sectors of the frontline.

Iraqi frontline patrols and border gunners, meanwhile, "engaged" Iranian positions in the central and northern sectors of the frontline killing an Iranian soldier, demolishing three infantry bunkers and setting ablaze an armoured personnel carrier, the communiqué said.

Iranian gunners, according to the communiqué, shelled the southern Iraqi provincial capital of Basra and the central border towns of Mandali, Khanakin and Khorram, killing five civilians and injuring 18 others in addition to "demolishing two houses and inflicting damage to 13 others and 11 private cars."

Meanwhile, a State Department official in Washington said Tuesday that China has become a major supplier of arms to Iran for its war with Iraq, selling ammunition, artillery and tanks to the forces of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

There are reports China also is selling combat aircraft to Tehran, but the official was not certain of this.

Mitterrand refuses to back down on job cuts

PARIS (AP). — With crowds of angry steelworkers gathered in eastern France, French President Francois Mitterrand told the nation yesterday that his government remains determined to cut tens of thousands of jobs from ailing heavy industries.

Earlier, striking steelworkers erected barricades closing off the main cities in the Lorraine Basin to protest against plans to reduce the steel industry's labour force by 25 per cent over the next three years.

The job cuts are part of an overall industrial modernization programme. The protest closed border cross-

ings with Belgium, Luxembourg and West Germany as well as airports in several eastern French cities.

The barricades, made of sheet steel, burning tires, felled trees and branches, were cleared yesterday afternoon to allow crowds to gather in Metz, Nancy, Longwy, Bar-le-Duc and Nancy for meetings timed to coincide with Mitterrand's nationally televised news conference.

Mitterrand told reporters France had no choice but to reduce jobs in such industries as steel, coal, auto making and ship building if it wanted to become competitive in international markets.

Senate panel kills anti-nuke plank in Pakistan aid bill

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee retreated on Tuesday from imposing an aid embargo on Pakistan unless it stops developing an "Islamic bomb."

On a 9-8 vote, the committee voted to modify a provision adopted unanimously last week that would have banned aid to Pakistan unless President Ronald Reagan certifies the country is not developing a nuclear bomb.

The new amendment requires the president to certify that Pakistan does not possess a nuclear explosive device and that the proposed U.S. assistance programme will reduce significantly the risk that Pakistan will possess a nuclear explosive device.

Democratic Senators Alan Cranston and John Glenn, sponsors

of the original provision led the opponents to the change.

Cranston said it would be extremely dangerous for an Islamic country to have the bomb because "there is no more unstable and dangerous part of the world than the Middle East."

Republican Senator Charles Percy, committee chairman, said he had changed his mind since last week's vote because the daughter of the late prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto had told him the proposed embargo would have the effect of accelerating Pakistani development of a bomb, not preventing it.

Undersecretary of State William Schneider said the administration opposed the original amendment because "we have made substantial progress" in persuading the Pakistanis not to develop a bomb.

Sports

Hoodoo still on Shlomo

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

ASHKELON. — The hoodoo which seems to afflict Shlomo Glickstein so often when he plays at home in Israel was once more in evidence yesterday, when the Israeli star went down 6-3, 6-4 to unseeded Jonathon Smith of England, in the ITA's \$25,000 Gali Cup tournament at the ITC courts here. Glickstein just could not get into the game, and was behind throughout, with Smith putting up a very workmanlike performance.

Ranked 258 in the world, Smith (29) is rated number 5 in England, although he is considered to be primarily a doubles player. He has played for England in the Davis Cup.

He told me: "This victory over Shlomo is the second-best of my

career. My best was beating Ilie Nastase in 1980 in the Australian Open."

The only Israeli left in the tournament is Shahar Perkis, also ranked 258 in the world, who played fine tennis to vanquish Stefan Svensson of Sweden 7-6, (7-2), 6-4. Amos Mansdorf went down 6-2, 7-6 (7-2) to Leo Palin of Finland, after a great battle in the second set. David Schneider also put up a game fight before losing to Michel Schapers, of the Netherlands, the No. 2 seed, 7-5, 6-3.

In other matches Drew Gitlin (No. 3 seed) beat Perante Rocchi 6-2, 6-1; Henri de Wet beat Peter Feigl 6-4, 7-6; Bruce Manson (seeded No. 4) beat Mark Woodbridge 6-3, 7-5; Jeff Turpin vanquished Brent Pirow 6-3, 6-0.

Ronnie opens baseball season

BALTIMORE (AP). — Wearing a bullet-proof vest under his suit, President Ronald Reagan this week opened the baseball season by pitching the first ball in a match between the world champions, the Baltimore Orioles, and the Chicago White Sox. His pitch was low. Asked how his arm felt, he said, "Pretty good, but I threw it a little too low."

So did pitcher Jackie Gutierrez, of the Chicago White Sox. With the bases loaded and two men out in the ninth, his low pitch was more expensive than Ronnie's. It cost the White Sox the game.

The defending National League champions Philadelphia Phillies, sporting a revamped lineup, once again relied on a couple of familiar faces on a rainy night in Georgia.

Mike Schmidt smacked a first-

inning homer and Steve Carlton pitched seven strong innings as the Phillies — minus Pete Rose, Joe Morgan and Gary Matthews, among others — opened defence of their crown on Tuesday night with a 5-0 triumph over the Atlanta Braves.

Carlton allowed just two singles before Bill Campbell, acquired in March from the Chicago Cubs, pitched the final two innings, yielding two more hits.

Pete Rose went 2-for-5 in his Montreal debut while Andre Dawson sliced a run-scoring triple and Miguel Dilone added a two-run single as the Expos scored three times in the eighth inning to snap a 1-1 tie, as Montreal topped Houston 4-2.

In other NL openers on Tuesday, St. Louis clubbed Los Angeles 11-0, Chicago downed San Francisco 5-3, and San Diego beat Pittsburgh 5-1.

On Monday it was Chicago 5, Baltimore 2; California 2, Boston 1; Cincinnati 8, New York Mets 1.

NBA: Tuesday

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China: Dozens of casualties in Vietnam border shelling

PEKING. — Exchanges of artillery fire along the China-Vietnam border have killed or wounded dozens of Vietnamese soldiers and many Chinese civilians in the past few days, China said yesterday.

The official Chinese news agency Xinhua accused the Vietnamese of launching fresh border attacks Tuesday and yesterday, and said Chinese frontier guards were striking back.

China's nightly television news programme showed gunners shelling Vietnamese positions along the mountainous border, which Chinese

troops crossed in February 1979 in a stand-off war between the two nations.

The latest barrage started in response to alleged Vietnamese armed provocations. Peking said border villages were attacked and peasants shot at in the fields.

China says the present trouble along the border also coincides with a fresh dry season offensive by Vietnamese troops against Khmer Rouge guerrillas in Kampuchea. That fighting has spilled across the frontier in Thailand. (AP, Reuters)

Protest camp in England demolished

GREENHAM COMMON, England (AP). — Women anti-nuclear protesters set fire to plastic sheeting shelters yesterday as bailiffs, backed by hundreds of police, evicted them from their camp outside the main gate of the U.S. cruise nuclear base here.

Gas cylinders and aerosol cans exploded inside the burning tents after police sealed off the main highway alongside the base and 24 bailiffs moved in.

Within three hours, the 24-year-old settlement, probably the world's best known "peace camp," was flattened.

Police dragged away chanting women who refused to move and

more than 30 were arrested, mainly for obstruction, police said.

Workers threw up a wooden fence to prevent the angry women from returning to the site which the Department of Transport says it needs to widen the road alongside the U.S. air base.

As the women drifted away, vowing to return, road construction workers began drilling on the site. At Britain's heavily guarded Polaris nuclear submarine base at Faslane, Scotland, 34 demonstrators were arrested yesterday, including 18 who cut through the perimeter fence and broke into the highly secret facility, police said.

Customers won't risk fingers for cash

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, England (AP). — A local video store owner is offering free tokens worth up to £50 to customers who want to risk losing a finger in a tank containing a piranha.

Upset when a friend told him his video equipment cost a lot of money, David Hudspeth decided to reward customers feeling the pinch of the recession by placing cash tokens at the bottom of a fish tank containing Percival, a piranha, which is a flesh-eating fish.

Midway through his three-week "giveaway sale," Hudspeth, 28, says he still has no takers.

Those who can fish a coin out of the tank get its equivalent value toward a new video recorder or television set.

The coins, worth £10, £25 and £50 are buried in gravel at the bottom of

the half-metre deep tank, where they have lain undisturbed since he placed the piranha in the tank.

Hudspeth is selling imitation blood-stained fingers to tease his bemused and slightly horrified customers.

Shuttle countdown begins for satellite repair mission

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP). — With rain pelting the launch pad, the countdown began yesterday for an important space mission in which shuttle astronauts for the first time will try to capture and repair a disabled satellite.

Space agency officials said the weather had no impact on the countdown, but it forced the five astronauts to cancel some training flights in jet planes.

MKs queue up at the post while the mailing is free

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Knesset members, and the political parties which they represent, have struck while the iron is hot.

Although they have free postal facilities by law, in addition to a host of other material benefits, their postal facilities are stopped 75 days before elections.

This curb was introduced a little over a decade ago when the parties abused the free postal facilities by sending car-loads of election propaganda via the Knesset, even though it had nothing to do with the individual MK's work, or the current parliamentary activities of his faction.

But at the end of last month, when it was evident that early elections would soon be legislated, the parties decided to send as much propaganda material out as possible, before the cut-off date.

Although most propaganda material has not even been printed, the volume of mail leaving the Knesset each day has already increased five or six-fold.

This reporter saw faction officials queuing up in the Knesset post office yesterday. After the post office closed, cartons of mail were left outside overnight, for mailing this morning.

Ousted ILA head still on the payroll

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former Israel Lands Administration director Meir Shamir has been appointed special adviser to Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper for a three-month period.

According to informed sources in the ministry, the request for the appointment came from Shamir, so that he could qualify for a larger pension. For the last several months since being replaced by Moshe Lipka, Shamir has remained at the

ILA for a transitional period. Shamir resisted his ouster last December, asserting that Grupper wanted to appoint a political friend in his place. Opponents of Grupper among Labour affiliated farmers charge that the minister was behind the recent ILA freeze imposed on the annual leasing of about 800,000 dunams of state land to kibbutzim and moshavim.

According to ministry sources, Shamir should have turned over his official Volvo 1800 car to Lipka several months ago but has failed to do so until now.

Egged fined for lack of Beersheba-TA bus

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — The magistrate's court here yesterday fined the Egged bus cooperative IS15,000 for failing to run several scheduled buses on the Beersheba-Tel Aviv route in March 1983.

The judge also ruled that Egged must deposit a IS100,000 guarantee

good for two years, which would be forfeit if scheduled buses from or to Beersheba again failed to run during that period.

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YEARS ago when food products were scarce in this country, the test of the food cook was in his or her ability to prepare eggplant in a hundred different ways.

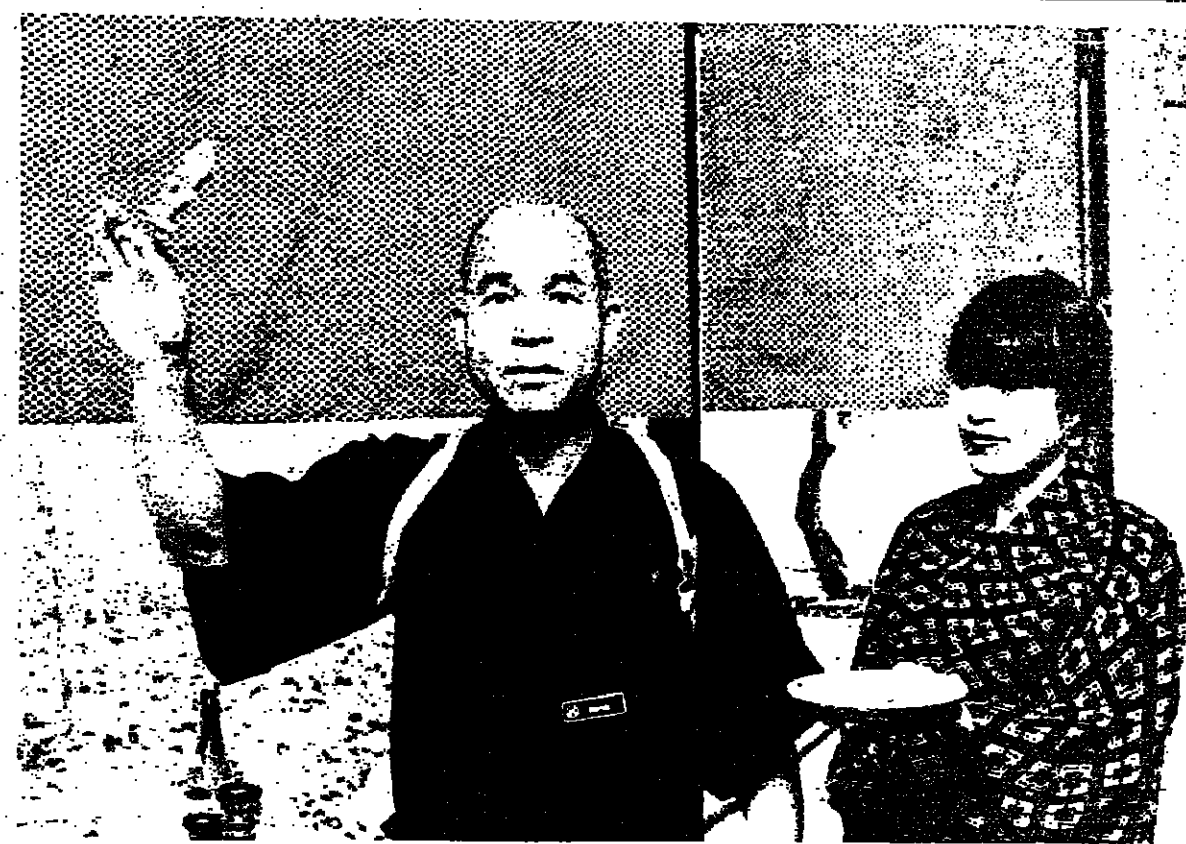
While aubergine still has an honoured place on the menu, today Middle Eastern and central European dishes are accorded low palate priority in favour of the more exotic flavours of Latin America, Italy, India, Bali, China and Japan.

The popularity of foreign foods is evident in the overwhelming response to the current five-star cooking course in Jerusalem, initiated by the Hug Yovel volunteer group. Hug Yovel organizes activities and raises funds for the Ezrath Nashim mental health centre and hospital.

Ezrath Nashim's public relations director, Bernice Wix, had no trouble persuading the managements of the capital's Hilton, King Solomon Sheraton, King David, Plaza and Laromne Hotels to make their premises — and chefs — available for the course. In fact, all five hotels offering the course are providing the facilities and ingredients used in demonstrations and tastings free of charge. The course has been going so well that, if the hotels agree, another will be offered next year — if not sooner.

Staff at the King Solomon Sheraton's Teppanyaki Restaurant went all out during one of the six cooking sessions demonstrating and serving both teppanyaki and sukiyaki dinners.

Participants were first treated to a "Japanese Sunrise" — a tangy cocktail concocted from a mix of tequila, red vermouth, orange liqueur and orange soda. Dessert was diced fresh fruits served with delicious sorbet. In between, chef Toshikatsu Mohri — assisted by Naomi Neumann and Shinobu Nishizawa — cooked and served yakitori (skewers of cubed chicken breasts and thick slices of scallion, spiced with teriyaki sauce); *agritata soup* (soya-based consommé with a floating cube of tofu, a petal-cut slice of carrot and a slice of green onion); *teppanyaki* (griddle-grilled cubes of duck, veal and beef); and *sukiyaki* (sliced mixed vegetables and strips of sirloin steak quickly cooked in a sauce similar to teriyaki).



Chef Mohri Toshikatsu of the King Solomon Sheraton's Teppanyaki Restaurant demonstrates a dish called yakitori (left), and (right) prepares teppanyaki dinners for participants in the Hug Yovel cooking course. (Photos by Karen Ben-Zion)

Taste of the East

Traditional Japanese recipes have been adapted to conform to kashrut, Greer Fay Cashman discovers.

teppanyaki (griddle-grilled cubes of duck, veal and beef); and *sukiyaki* (sliced mixed vegetables and strips of sirloin steak quickly cooked in a sauce similar to teriyaki).

These dishes were served with griddled mixed vegetables, fluffy steamed rice and stir-fried bean sprouts and onions seasoned with soya sauce, sesame seeds, black pepper and salt.

Keeping up a steady bi-lingual

patter in Hebrew and English as he worked, Toshikatsu explained that he had adapted some of the traditional Japanese recipes to conform with *kashrut* and with the ingredients available on the Israeli market. The type of soya sauce used in Japan cannot be acquired here, so when Toshikatsu makes *teriyaki* sauce, he dilutes a locally made soya sauce (he prefers Osem) with an equal quantity of water.

Teriyaki sauce can be stored in the refrigerator for two months. In Japan, Toshikatsu used *sake* in the sauce, but since kosher rice wine is unavailable here, he uses sweet white wine.

To make this super sauce, pour one cup each of sweet white wine, soya sauce, sugar and water into a stainless steel saucepan. Bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer for one hour. To make the sauce for



sukiyaki, use the same ingredients and add one cup of honey.

Sukiyaki-style cooking is like that of *fondue* — the pot is placed in the centre of the table, with all the diners taking a communal dip. Naomi Neumann (a Japanese original, despite her name), warned that bitter vegetables should be omitted from *sukiyaki*. (She did, however, include sliced eggplant, which was not bitter after being liberally salted, left for 20 to 30 minutes and rinsed off.)

In addition to the eggplant, she used strips and slices of zucchini, mushrooms, onions, tofu, carrots, green peppers, and Chinese cabbage. She allowed these vegetables to absorb the flavour of the sauce, which was bubbling on a high flame, before adding finely sliced strips of

sirloin. To cut the raw meat almost paper thin, she advised putting it in the freezer until it is partially frozen. Then the meat is easier to handle and can be thinly sliced without difficulty.

The meat and vegetable mixture was stirred with chop sticks (what else?) and everyone began eating as soon as the meat had browned — literally within minutes. All ingredients, when removed from the pot, were dipped in raw egg and placed in a bowl of steamed rice.

When cooking *teppanyaki* at home, a heavy skillet, according to Toshikatsu, is no less effective than a griddle. Just melt some margarine, quickly stir-fry strips of mixed vegetables seasoned with green pepper and salt, remove from heat and place meat in pan. Cube the meat as

it fries, turning it as you cut. As soon as the meat is browned on all sides, add to the sautéed vegetables. Toshikatsu supplies two small dishes of chili and ginger sauce in which to dip the meat.

Japanese cuisine is a marvellous stand-by when entertaining unexpected guests — definitely a kitchen art worth cultivating.

Several years ago, Ezrath Nashim sought to increase its funds with publication of *What's Cooking Around The World*, a top-notch recipe book which has now gone into its fourth printing. Another recipe book is in the works, partially based on the current course. Also, Ezrath Nashim is coming out with a book on household hints which Wix promises will be a most useful publication.

THE ONE World Poetry festival, which took place recently in Amsterdam, was opened by poets from Hungary and the United States and by Israeli poet Shelley Elkayam, who read out her poem, *Gus of the City*, in Hebrew. The English translation reads in part:

Let us wake the Hilton
as it waxes like a new moon
over the gates of Zion...
I opened my eyes to see
what I already knew
Through the window the entrails of
the city
twisted themselves to me.
Gus of the City

Previous Israeli representatives at the One World Poetry, an annual Amsterdam event, have been Nathan Zak and David Avidan. This year, subtitled, "Eve of 1984," with a lot of emphasis on George Orwell's prophetic vision of the year, Elkayam, author of *The Essence of Itself and Poems*, was the poet selected by the international committee.

As a direct result, a new volume of her poems, *Simple Days*, has been published by Boaz Publications of

Poet with a mission

Daniel Gavren talks to Shelley Elkayam, who represented Israel at a recent international poetry festival.



Holland, in an English translation by Charles McGeehan and Sorel Thompson. It will be available in Israel next month.

All the proceeds from the sale of *Simple Days* will go to the Creative Peace Fund of East for Peace, which Elkayam helped to found. For, although she was invited to the

Amsterdam festival purely as a poet, Shelley Elkayam, eighth generation sabra and former kibbutznik, sees herself as a delegate of East for Peace, the new movement for changing the image of Israel's oriental Jews.

In his introduction to *Simple Days*, McGeehan writes: "The

shared cultural heritage of the people of her region, Elkayam conveys with clarity and buoyancy of image and idea; and Love — as in her poems, *Eastern Sun*, *For Rafael*, and *To My Brother*...

"When men have for so long...led in the destruction of war, it is high time that we are now having the

most spiritually strong and beautiful women show the way...for life in peace, simplicity and truth. That the *Song of Songs* live on..."

Eastern Sun is in fact a simple poem about a momentary platonic love affair between a Mahane Yehuda vendor and his customer. But the sun, rising in the east, is for Shelley Elkayam a symbol of peace. "There is that element of renewal, of hope," she says.

For Rafael is about Ra'if Elias, a Maronite Arab villager from Galilee, who for a number of years managed the Artists' House in Jerusalem.

"How the wisdom of his village pervades and listens to that city to the people of that city to this Jerusalem of which

Galilee is like the hem of a robe.

In Elias, says Elkayam, she saw for the first time the real link between Jerusalem and Galilee. She used to watch him standing silently, observing, hearing, seeing, and he inspired the poem.

Possibly, the strongest poem in the slim volume, written only days before the outbreak of the Lebanon War, and published two days into the conflict in *Yediot Aharonot*, is its closing poem, *Battle Field*:

I was cold fire, I was hot fire,
I was a soldier a strategist and a rat,
among the armours I was severed
sheet metal
among the rusties I burst up
among the pariahs I was to speak out.

It was described by poet Menahem Binn as one of the best Hebrew poems of the last decade. "I must say it sounds better in Hebrew," smiles Elkayam, "although McGeehan captured my style marvelously — even the word rhythms — in that and the other poems."

During her European trip, Elkayam met with Jewish and Arab artists, writers and poets in Holland and France. She represented Israel's oriental Jewish community at the International Conference of Christians and Jews in Paris and made several radio broadcasts.

Following the One World Poetry Festival, the Amsterdam community organized a special Jewish poetry evening in her honour, with the participation of Israeli and American Jewish poets.

The creative peace fund is being used to finance a programme of political and media awareness for people from the poorer neighbourhoods and development towns in Israel. The people there see the media, particularly the press, as something hostile, explains Elkayam. "We want to increase their awareness, to bring them into the centre of our cultural and political life."

Behind her poetry, and all her activities, is Elkayam's burning conviction that Israel's oriental Jews are the heirs to a rich, cultural tradition, which should be central to Israel's emerging culture, and that this tradition is one of coexistence and tolerance, not only between oriental and European Jews, but also between Jews and Arabs.

"*Kulanu mizrachim*, we are all orientals," Shelley Elkayam continues to insist.

Putting pen to paper

Literary-minded youngsters in Tel Aviv area are spending stimulating evenings at a creative writing workshop, reports Michelle Cameron.

couldn't cut classes, because it was too obvious that I was missing" — seems to be the perfect person to guide such a workshop. He himself began writing poetry at the age of 16; he has also experienced the feeling of "writing in a vacuum." In his case, the situation was aggravated as "I didn't grow up in a family that read books." Before his army service, Someck's ambitions centred more around basketball than poetry.

"I was planning on playing professional basketball after my service," Someck recalls. "but I was drawn to poetry as well. I would come back from practice, shut myself up in a room, and write."

This schizophrenic lifestyle was perpetuated by a printer's error in the poet's first published poem. The writer's family name in actually Someck; by mistake it was printed "Somek." Someck adopted this spelling from then on, feeling that it would "hide" his identity from his

basketball teammates. Thus he was amazed one day when his coach came up to him, wondering at the similarity between the names of the poet and the player...

Today, the poet has prevailed over the player: Someck is recognized in literary circles as a very promising poet. Remembering the void in which he himself began writing, six years ago he offered his services to Beit Ariella to head a poetry workshop for high school students. His initial course was limited to two weeks in the summer, four hours a day, but because of the response and the enthusiasm it evoked, the regular weekly workshop evolved.

"It is a greater success each succeeding year," claims Chava Liber, one of the library's cultural directors, "and much of the success is because Ronny himself is so close in age to the kids, and relates to them so well."

Beginning a recent workshop with recommendations of books he had recently read, Someck implied that the youngsters should try to widen their literary horizons. Passing out mimeographed sheets with poetry written by one of the participants — Yael Sarid — on one side, and examples Someck has selected on the other — he asked Yael to read her first poem. Comments were solicited, which she listened to with slightly heightened colour. They were not all positive, but the youngsters obviously tried to express their objections somewhat gently. Someck's examples — selected, he told the group, from over 30 poems — further emphasized what he believes are Yael's strong and weak points.

Do the students feel these sessions are valuable? "Writing poetry myself, I was interested in the writing of others," said Ruti, "and I need someone to give me a genuine response. I'm

also enriched by what the others do."

Yael, who was initially bothered by the first, heavy silence that followed her reading, put more stock in Someck's comments than in those of her own age group. "I felt the group took what I wrote and made something different from it," she said. Someck takes them seriously, Yael added, and he is the only person there with experience.

The youngsters heard about the workshop through advertisements in newspapers, according to Liber, and it is also announced in most schools. What do the students' classmates feel about their Thursday evening activities?

"I go to an art school," Yael explained, "and (there) it's clear that a person needs an artistic outlet of some kind. So everyone understands." Said Michal, "I study in the *reali* (science-based) track and to all of my friends (the workshop) is strange."

The poetry workshop for high school students is only one of a number of literary workshops that take place at the cultural centre. Other weekly activities include other poetry and prose workshops, book clubs, story-telling to children, concerts and plays.

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Calming influence

Austria's new chancellor is unlikely to change his country's Middle East policy, but his diplomatic style may smooth some ruffled feathers, Vienna's envoy Otto Pleinert tells Bernard Josephs.



Austrian ambassador Otto Pleinert.

THE SIGHS of relief that greeted last year's resignation of Austrian chancellor Bruno Kreisky appear to have been premature. His successor, Fred Sinowatz, may have initiated a new, calmer diplomatic style, but Austrian policy — at least as far as the Middle East is concerned — is unlikely to shift.

The country's ambassador in Tel Aviv, Otto Pleinert, stressed this point.

"Chancellor Sinowatz wants good, positive relations with Israel. But at the same time, we continue to work for compromise and peace," he said. "The style will be different. Certainly quieter. But the policy outlines remain the same."

It did not take long for Pleinert to discover that relations between Israel and Austria are — as they say in diplomatic circles — characterized by "frank and honest" exchanges.

The Austrian envoy could not have arrived in Israel at a worse moment. As his plane touched down at Ben Gurion airport on September 14, 1983, his charge d'affaires Peter Willing was receiving an official protest from furious Foreign Ministry officials.

Pleinert had not yet left the airport when he was besieged by reporters anxious to record his reactions to some typically outspoken remarks by Kreisky.

In an interview with a French magazine, Kreisky had compared Israel to Germany during the rise of the Nazis and complained of Menachem Begin's "primitive imperialist instincts."

Pleinert could only say that he had not read the interview but was sure his chancellor just wanted to promote peace.

"You could say I was thrown in at the deep end," the affable envoy recalled. But despite that baptism of fire and the many consequent occasions on which Vienna and Jerusalem have been at odds, Pleinert insists that he enjoys being here.

"This is one of the most political postings one can have," he continued. "There is always pressure and the atmosphere is hectic. One is subjected to a flood of information and, as Israel is an open society, it is easy to meet people who will drag you into discussions whether you want to be or not."

"I have to watch what I say. But being with such hospitable, outspoken and intelligent people is very rewarding. Everyone wants you to be on their side. But, like my country, I remain neutral."

It is Austria's neutrality, said the ambassador, that has caused the sometimes heated atmosphere between the two countries, and has made his job one of the most delicate in the diplomatic community.

"Being neutral does not mean

that we are passive," he explained. "Where we can help, we do help, and we do it with all the means at our disposal."

"It cannot be denied that there is a difference of opinion between ourselves and Israel. That is because we see this tragic conflict as concerning two peoples both claiming the same homeland. We believe the answer should be a compromise that ensures Israel's security but at the same time, gives the Palestinians their rights."

But why should Austria — a small European country with no major world role — feel compelled to express its opinions on events in the Middle East?

"Because," replied Pleinert, "what happens here is not just of interest to the Arabs and the Israelis. Austrians are only too aware that a dispute in the Middle East could soon spread and involve other parts of the globe."

That, he said, was what drove Kreisky to become so involved in the area.

"The time will come when justice will be done to Bruno Kreisky," said Pleinert. "He was deeply convinced that he could do something to bring about peace because he had friends in both camps. He was one of the few people who, before the Yom Kippur War, realized that nothing much could be achieved while the Palestinian problem remained unresolved."

It was understood in Vienna that by becoming the first western leader to recognize the PLO, Kreisky was doing something for which Israelis would despise him.

But, said the envoy, "The chancellor simply saw no alternative. He did not support the terrorist methods sometimes employed by the Palestinians. He said that they are a people and they deserve to be treated as such."

"He had friends in Israel who understood what he was striving for, but he also knew that many Israelis saw him as a kind of devil figure. Kreisky was very sorry about that but he said, 'I can't help it. I saw it as a moral and political duty to speak out about a conflict that contains the seeds of a much wider conflagration.'"

The Austrian public's perceptions of Israel have changed because of developments in the area — particularly the Lebanon War — reported Pleinert. There was, and still remains, a big capital of good will towards the Jewish State, he said. But the image of "the wonderful David defending himself against overwhelming odds" has become tarnished.

"The bombing and besieging of Beirut cost Israel a lot of sympathy. People, who in the past were overwhelmingly sympathetic, began to see the country as an occupying power. They became very critical.

The reaction from Israel was that this was anti-Semitism. But that simply is not true."

"At the same time, there was much praise for Israeli peace campaigners and for the decision of the government to hold an inquiry into the Sabra and Shatilla massacres."

The ambassador was at pains to point out that the mutual recriminations and icy exchanges of the past 10 years or so are only part of the picture. There is much that is positive in the relations between the two nations.

Cultural and scientific ties have blossomed he said. Tourism is booming, and exchange visits between trade unionists, municipal officials and youth movement members flourish. Only recently, the envoy pointed out, a plaque was put on the house where Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek spent his childhood in Vienna.

On the political level, too, there have been outstanding examples of cooperation.

Said Pleinert "We played a big part in bringing about the exchange of prisoners between Israel and the PLO. These things are still going on in relation to those Israelis still being held prisoner, but it is best to keep such matters discreet."

Austria, he pointed out, has long been the point of exit for Jews leaving the Soviet Union.

"The gate is open today and will remain open. Of course not as many as we would wish are coming out, but we can't do much about that," he said.

Another Austrian contribution, which the ambassador believes Israelis view in a positive light, is the sending of troops to the United Nations force on the Golan Heights.

"A lot of Austrians can't understand why they should be there. But we believe that as world peace is in our interests, our men are doing a job for their country by helping keep things quiet on the Golan," said Pleinert.

As for future prospects, the envoy sees room for improvement in commercial ties. Trade between Israel and Austria has doubled over the past 10 years but still only totals \$35 million in each direction. Israel's Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt is due in Vienna later this month for a three-day visit.

In diplomacy, said Pleinert, there is a standing invitation for Israel's foreign minister to make an official visit to Austria, in return for the visit by Austria's foreign minister in 1975.

"That invitation has been open for more than eight years so the next move is Israel's," the envoy insisted.

Pleinert recognizes that the Holocaust is still a major factor in the attitude of the Israeli public towards Austria. "Being here in Israel one can't forget it," he said, "especially when one meets so many survivors."

The ambassador said he sees it as one of his major tasks to build bridges between these survivors and his country.

"It is an extremely delicate matter. One can't say that many years have passed and so it is over. One can only say that one is grateful there are victims who — while not prepared to forget — are prepared to try and find a common basis with us."

"It should be remembered that most Austrians were not Nazi followers, despite what happened. The day after Hitler's takeover, tens of thousands of non-Jewish Austrians were taken to Dachau. Please believe me that there were those who were shocked and sorry about what was going on, but who were powerless to stop it."

A better feeling

Controversy between Austria and Israel in the days of Bruno Kreisky was rife. Today relations between the two are more tranquil, Israel's ambassador Michael Elizar tells Marta Halpert.



Israeli envoy Michael Elizar.

Ambassador Michael Elizar has represented Israel in Vienna since July, 1983. Born in Leipzig in 1921 and attending school there till 1933, when he immigrated to Palestine, his German is perfect. Elizar joined the Israeli Foreign Service in 1949 and served in diplomatic missions in England, USA, Burma and Australia, where he held the post of ambassador from 1974-1979. Before coming to Vienna he was assistant director-general for UN-affairs and international organizations in the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

Question: You have been in Vienna now for half-a-year. How would you characterize the relationship between Austria and Israel?

Elizar: I found a great interest in Israel and the whole Middle East region. This is due to the great interest of Austrian foreign policy in issues near and far; although one must say that not all of this is reflected in public opinion, which of course has other matters to interest itself in. There is great sympathy and understanding for Israel, and the Israeli Embassy in Vienna considers its main task to be strengthening these elements of friendship.

Question: Can you point out the changes in Austrian policy in the post-Kreisky era?

Elizar: In the days of Dr. Bruno Kreisky the controversy between Austria and Israel was shrill and had something of an obsessive character. Today the atmosphere is much calmer, showing that even differences of opinion need not result

in unnecessary antagonism.

This new atmosphere permits contacts and the exploration of possibilities in the field of mutual relations. The closest and best example is the visit of Industry Minister Gideon Patt with a high level delegation of Israeli industrialists, which will take place next week. This is the first visit — after many years — of an Israeli minister at the invitation of the Austrian government.

Question: What are your impressions of the new chancellor, Dr. Fred Sinowatz, and his attitude towards Israel?

Elizar: The personal closeness of Dr. Sinowatz to Jewish concerns has been well known for many years. The chancellor, as well as the members of his cabinet, have expressed great courtesy and understanding to me as an Israeli representative and sympathy with Israel and its concerns.

Israel is viewed not just as a small distant country, which Austria has diplomatic and other relations with, but as a country, which embodies a chapter of history, which is of great meaning to Austria and many Austrians.

Question: Would you then say, that there are no harsh words or criticism of Israeli policy?

Elizar: The Austrian government is not being asked to endorse or accept every point in Israeli policy. There were a number of occasions when Austrian statements or votes were not to Israel's liking. The main reason for the differences is, if I may use a Washingtonian phrase,

"Where you stand, depends on where you sit."

Question: Do you believe that you can influence Austrian voting, bring about some change in the whole attitude?

Elizar: We are sometimes not too happy about Austrian votes, like those of some other countries. We try to handle this matter whenever a concrete problem arises. But this is a matter of perspective and of proportion, which one has to evaluate within the totality of the relationship.

Question: Austrian Foreign Minister, Erwin Lang, is known as a politician of Kreisky's school, and he is proving this now, by pursuing a Kreisky foreign policy. Do you believe that Chancellor Sinowatz has any influence on this?

Elizar: It may be a crucial point, but I doubt whether an ambassador should express himself about it. As far as a representative of a foreign country is concerned, what counts is, that a government's policy is that government's responsibility, and not that of its individual members.

Question: How do you evaluate public opinion in Austria about Israel, is Israel still the "unloved child" of the media, or has there been a change?

Elizar: In the last few months there have been very few occasions, which required or justified extensive treatment of Israeli problems in the Austrian press — and therefore it is very difficult for me to confirm your assertion. As a matter of fact, my experience in editorial offices does not confirm such a definition.

At the same time one should not forget, that Israel is being judged by other yardsticks than its neighbours — as an Israeli. I would be the last to complain about this different evaluation of Israel in the eyes of European journalists.

Question: Does that mean that no bad feelings were left over after the Lebanese intervention?

Elizar: Today there is much more understanding in many quarters than some analyses at that time were exaggerated of "wrong." But anyway, in the last few months in which I have practical experience in Vienna, the fighting and other sources of excitement emanating from Lebanon, were of more interest to the Austrians than the Israeli angle.

Question: What are the main aims of your task in Austria?

Elizar: The aims here, are the same as anywhere else for official representatives, to win friends and influence people. And I am trying to do this to the best of my ability. Life in Vienna is open, in Vienna society there is free access to people of the most different views and attitudes and I try to cement the relationship and understanding of as wide a circle in Austrian public life as possible.



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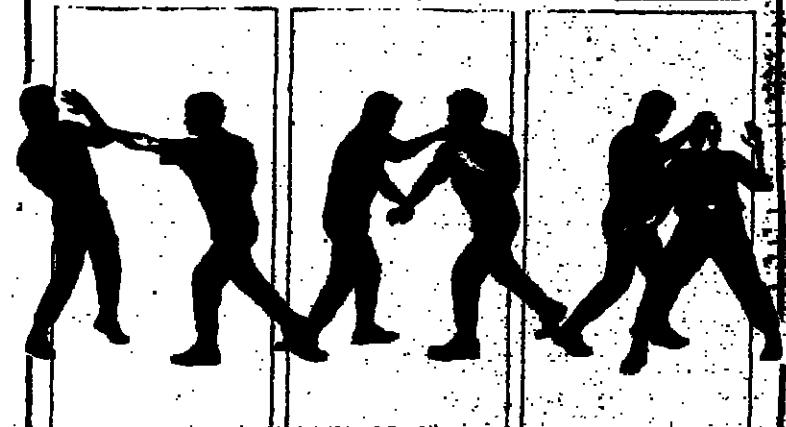
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Chief Rabbi Paul Chaim Eisenberg lighting Hanukkah candles with young congregants in Viennese synagogue (above). Here exhibit in the city's Jewish community centre.



Jewish life revived

The young generation is helping the Viennese Jewish community face the future with confidence, writes The Post's Vienna correspondent.

THE JEWISH community of Vienna was described as old and of mixed social strata. But both labels have become outdated over the past few years.

The generation born between 1955 and 1965 to refugees from all Eastern Europe has given this community a totally different face. The chief rabbi is 34 years old, was born and educated in the land, and tells the Austrian public via television all about Jewish holidays and traditions.

Most of the population does not realize that 50 years ago more than 30,000 Jews were living in Vienna, influencing intellectual and scientific life.

The self-confident manner of young Jews today is something new. But not only the active chief rabbi, Paul Chaim Eisenberg, helped lower the average age profile of the community, a number of 25- to 40-year-old couples became active in communal affairs.

Formerly they usually left such things to their elders, because they regarded this more or less as their hobby, or a club, where the father-generation could live out their political interests and tendencies.

Of course, they were also busy "getting to be somebody" as doctors, lawyers or businessmen.

Two years ago, during the last community elections, a new party was created — the Young Generation. Their sweeping election success got them the right of a rotational seat as vice-president of the community. In order to break the long-term majority of the Bund Werktätiger Juden socialist faction, the Young Generation succeeded in setting up a united coalition of different small parties for the campaign and this brought a total change in the leadership of the community. President Dr. Ivan Hacker is a liberal, while Ing. Simon Wiesenthal is more conservative.

This Young Generation with their Austrian citizenship, good schooling, integrated professions, were still taught by their parents that they considered Vienna in 1945-48 as a transit city after all that miraculous survival. Originally they had intended to go to some safe place like USA, Canada, Australia, and while waiting for their various documents got stuck there, started to work and earn money.

The young people accept these stories only as far as their personal

or Jewish history is concerned; they don't want to share their parents' feeling of living in transit. They proved this by founding the first Jewish elementary school.

A group of parents formed a committee and succeeded in getting the school acknowledged by the state. Fifty children started their first class in 1980/81; this year there are 98 children including prep school and four classes. One third of the children come from the Russian community (approx. 3,000 persons) and they are excused fees.

The teachers are paid by the Austrian Ministry of Education, and most of the budget comes from the parents and the Israeli Pincus Fund.

Security precautions eat up most of the money. The school and the kindergarten (35 children) are still situated in the same building, where the main synagogue is. Precautions had always been taken, but after the Palestinian terrorist attack on the synagogue in August 1982, spending on security was increased tremendously.

A new school complex, housing all educational facilities, being planned for the near future will also include a high school. It will have room for some 300 children. Now, more money will be kept in Vienna for their own community purpose — and less donated to Israeli institutions.

Another remarkable change in the community image is the attitude towards the general public. The young people feel more free than the older generation, to voice their views on topics of Jewish or general political interest. The reaction to anti-Jewish or anti-Zionist actions comes sharper and in a more self-confident way.

They have also broken with some old traditions in Austrian politics. Right after the war, most Jews believed that only members of the Austrian Socialist Party (SPO) were not Nazis, and therefore the only ones eligible for their votes.

This myth was shattered when it became known that some 600,000 former Nazis had to be integrated into all existing parties — and the socialists got their share. But, of course, there are other factors in political decisions by the young generation. Some are shop-owners, self-employed and so on, and they see most economic and ideological scope with the second biggest party, the OVP (Österreich. Volkspartei). And many confess that Dr. Kreisky made them decide against voting socialists.

The third parliamentary party, the FPÖ (Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs) is not much of an alternative — they are in coalition with the SPO now — because they are more known for their national than liberal image. And their leader in parliament is still Friedrich Peter, a former SS-officer, who has been prevented from becoming president of the parliament by a public petition.

Although there is not much of a choice, one thing can be said for sure: the youngsters do not conform with their parents' party decisions. Politicians, scientists, authors, people from all walks of life come happily to the new Jewish community centre (beautified with Arik Brauer paintings) to take part in discussions, dialogues between the Jews and their interesting guests.

Once again there is a positive sign of life coming out from Vienna and its Jewish population: a new chapter for the community with that heavy burden of the horror-stricken past.

THERE was much public debate about them, they were bodily moved and ideologically influenced. But now that there are so few Jews leaving the Soviet Union to fight about, things have become very quiet. All the "noise" helped Jews a lot in the USSR.

The silence in the West is their silent death. The number of Jewish emigrants has dropped so drastically over the past year, that the Red Cross Station in Wien-Simmering was closed down.

"It is terribly depressing when you see four or six people eating in a huge dining room where previously some 250 people found an atmosphere of warmth and belonging," says Lea Slovin, director of the Jewish Agency bureau in Vienna.

Slovin knows what she is talking about. As a lawyer in Riga, she was handling the paper-work for her friends, before she came to Israel in 1969 by way of Vienna.

Slovin is not only a good example for her Zionist friends back in the Soviet Union, she is also an excellent example of someone who is perfectly integrated in Israel. She succeeded in gaining admission to the Israeli Bar, worked in her own office and was offered the Jewish Agency job by the Ministry of Immigration and Absorption.

In order to understand the implications of the change in the Jewish emigrants' situation, one has to look at the statistics (see chart at end).

Since the beginning of emigration from the Soviet Union following the Six-Day War, some 270,000 Jews have left the USSR. Approximately 170,000 came to Israel, and the rest went to the U.S., Canada, etc. Emigration from Israel to the U.S. among former Russian Jews amounts to four per cent.

At 11.30 one morning while I'm visiting, the telephone rings in Lea Slovin's office. At about this time every day, she gets a call from the Austrian border police telling her how many Jews from the Soviet Union are on the daily train. The number tends to be between two and five — if it is a "good" day.

"Today we are lucky," says Slovin, who says she is still excited every day when the phone rings. "There are two, but we don't know yet if they are ours, if they belong to us."

Now things pick up in her office: A driver and a mini-bus and one of the officials are ready. We all drive to the Viennese Ost-Bahnhof. Close to the rails stands a group of four heavily armed policemen belonging to a special anti-terror unit. A young man in grey civilian clothes nods at Yossi, Slovin's Jewish Agency co-worker, a building engineer from Haifa who came from Vilna to Israel 12 years ago and has been working for two years in Vienna.

"You will see immediately how we find out, already on the train, if they are going to Israel or not," Yossi tells me in a very experienced way.

Two Austrian border policemen jump from the slowly moving train. Now Yossi knows where the Russians are. The anti-terror group is there before us, guarding one compartment.

Yossi and I go into the train and there we find an old couple with four little suitcases and a lot of hand luggage. Yossi translates for me.

"I asked them whether they have children. As the answer was 'Yes, a daughter in Australia,' everything was clear," he says. Yossi then leaves the train, goes up to the armed group and the man in civilian clothes and says only one word to them: "Private."

At this moment the whole picture changes. The armed men relax and leave the scene. The man in grey, holding onto his black attaché case, disappears.

Yossi's code word indicated to the man from Austrian security that these persons were not going to Israel and that, therefore, no security service was needed.

We accompany the old couple out of the railway station, till a man from the Joint approaches them, speaking in Russian.

Slovin has a very good rapport with the Austrian authorities, and says there are no problems which cannot be solved "by talking to each other." The authorities know that the Jewish Agency tries to send the few Jews who come from the Soviet Union quickly on to Israel. They do not stay more than two nights in privately rented flats.

"Sadly enough, today already 50 per cent of the Soviet immigration to the U.S. involves direct reunion of families. With a figure of nearly 100,000 Soviet Jews in the U.S., there have to be family ties in the USSR," says Slovin, who is still optimistic that there may be a change in the USSR's emigration policy.

Some of the emigrants who do go to Israel via Vienna are so happy that they celebrate on the spot.

An elderly gentleman recently came from Haifa to Vienna to welcome his only son, his son's wife and his grandchild. In the office of the Jewish Agency, he celebrated with his family and all the employees. His daughter-in-law — an English teacher — wanted to go to the States. His son, a gym teacher, wanted to join his family in Israel. But the older man, who had flown to Vienna with a lot of love and enthusiasm, opened bottles of Russian champagne. When the decision to go to Israel had been made, he took his grandson — who was holding on to his first Western teddy-bear — and walked in the direction of a waiting El-Al plane. Jews from the Soviet Union are

Fewer to fight for

The drop in the number of Jewish emigrants from Russia has made the Jewish Agency bureau in Vienna a ghost station, writes Marta Halpert.



First taste of freedom — Russian Jewish children at a seder.

not the only Jews who come to Vienna en route to other places. Some 30 Iranian Jews make it to Vienna each month. Most of them are young religious men who are afraid of being drafted into the Iranian army. Although a large lump sum of money is needed to buy oneself out of Iran, the Jews there manage to collect it from friends and relatives in order to be able to leave.

The HIAS office in Vienna is taking care of these emigrants, who have to wait nearly three months till they can go to the U.S. Only those who want to go to the States come via Vienna, because here they are able to submit their application for refugee status. (This is only possible in Vienna, Athens, Rome, Madrid, Frankfurt, Hongkong and New Delhi.)

The Jewish community of Vienna is very helpful to those young men.

They are invited to pray in a small yeshiva and are allowed to use all the other facilities of the city's Jewish community.

| YEAR | EMIGRANTS | % OF THOSE NOT GOING TO ISRAEL: |
|--------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 1975 | 13,221 | 36.5 |
| 1976 | 14,261 | 49.4 |
| 1977 | 16,261 | 50.5 |
| 1978 | 28,865 | 58.1 |
| 1979 | 51,335 | 66.0 |
| 1980 | 21,472 | 65.3 |
| 1981 | 9,447 | 81.2 |
| 1982 | 2,685 | 72.8 |
| 1983 | 1,320 | 70.3 |
| Jan. | 88 | 75.0 |
| Feb. | 90 | 45.5 |
| Till 25 Mar. | 43 | — |

Trade ties: Correcting the imbalance



The beauty of Austria, which is attracting ever growing numbers of Israeli tourists.

Over the past eight years Austria consistently bought more from Israel than vice versa. In other words this small Alpine country proved to be a good customer. It was only during the last two years that this imbalance in favour of Israel narrowed somewhat.

Traditionally citrus fruits have played a leading role. However chemicals and products from the Dead Sea have become increasingly important and are now a dominant feature. Specialized items like early strawberries, flowers during mid-winter and turkey meat who find ready markets in Austria.

In technology Israel's position could be improved. The closeness of Germany, Switzerland and Italy means strong competition.

Austria's strength in sales to Israel has been in machinery and products which are needed in the manufacturing process. There is still a lot of scope in these lines. J.M.

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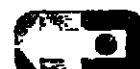
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Loss of foreign currency is 'national scandal'

Sharir scores low air fares for luring people to travel

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tourism minister Avraham Sharir complained yesterday that low fares were "a national scandal," because they encouraged people to go abroad and spend foreign currency. The low fares resulted from the bitter competition between scheduled and charter carriers, and the airlines should coordinate their actions, he said.

The minister was speaking after his first tour of Maof headquarters and installations at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Although Sharir did not say explicitly, his argument seemed to reflect complaints by the Maof charter line that the government was subsidizing El Al and thus covering its losses from low fares.

Sharir was particularly critical of the \$299 round-trip fare for flights to London.

However, both Maof and El Al officials denied they were losing money on that route.

An El Al official said that these

low fares helped fill vacant seats on aircraft which would be flying in any case. These planes also carry cargo, which is profitable, he said.

"Does the minister know how many tourists come here because the fares are low," the irate official asked.

Sharir advocated the establishment of a statutory authority to coordinate aviation and tourism policy, or better still, that the next government have one minister responsible for both aviation and tourism.

"A full 95 per cent of tourists come here by air," he argued.

In advocating coordination between charter and scheduled carriers, Sharir and the board chairman of Maof, Meir Amit, seemed to have in mind a system whereby the scheduled carriers would be more expensive but offer better service, while the charters would provide cheaper flights, Amit, who was Transport Minister several years ago, said on behalf of Maof that the company was willing to coordinate matters "all the way."

However, both Maof and El Al officials denied they were losing money on that route.

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Eisenberg group putting together country's largest fashion conglomerate

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The recent acquisition by the Eisenberg group of the controlling interest in Alaska-Sportlife is a strong indicator that the Eisenberg group will soon be running the country's largest fashion conglomerate. The Eisenberg group is also the major stockholder in Ata and Lodzia.

Benzion Shapira, director of Alaska-Sportlife, told a press conference in Tel Aviv yesterday that the three companies have embarked on a joint marketing venture. The 30 Ata outlets and 14 Alaska-Sportlife shops already stock merchandise with each other's labels, as well as those of Lodzia and Manhattan and Levis, for which

Ata has the local franchise.

Future plans include an expanded range for Alaska-Sportlife, which will shortly begin to manufacture men's wear from Ata knitted and woven fabrics. Prior to the Eisenberg takeover, Alaska-Sportlife added swimwear to its sportswear production line.

Shapira said that within the framework of the Eisenberg fashion complex, Alaska-Sportlife would represent the fashion pivot, setting the guidelines for the other two companies, whose basics will be upgraded in accordance with new marketing policies.

Referring to the combined existing marketing infrastructure, Shapira said that no other fashion group in Israel has the same kind of sales potential.

\$2.4 billion Australian take-over deal

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Australia's largest public company, Broken Hill Proprietary (BHP), and General Electric (GE) have announced the completion of a multi-billion dollar takeover deal extending BHP's worldwide interests.

For a \$2.4 billion price tag, BHP has acquired most of two GE natural resources subsidiaries, Utah International and Utah-Marcona, and won a 15.5 per cent stake in the New Queensland Coal Consortium valued at \$387.5 million.

First announced in January, the agreement has been called the biggest takeover deal in Australia's history.

Broken Hill is valued at more than \$4b. The deal includes coal mines in New Mexico, Colorado, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Broken Hill is also gaining a stake in copper mining in Canada and Chile. Iron ore in Brazil, iron sands in New Zealand and exploration prospects in Indonesia and South Africa.

\$5m. for Jordan Valley electronics plant

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some \$5 million will be invested over the next two years in building a plant in the Jordan Valley to make printed circuits for the electronic industry. An agreement to this effect was recently reached between Sefen (a subsidiary of Koor Industries) and Park Electric Chemical, of the U.S., which supplies about one quarter of the world market in such printed circuits.

A site for the new plant is now being sought. (Sefen itself is located in the Jordan Valley).

The American company, which also has plants in England, France

and Singapore, will supply the know-how and also train the Israeli workers. Some 120 are expected to be employed, and their output, when the plant is in full production, should reach about \$20m. a year.

About half of this will be exported, and the rest sold to local high-technology industries working for the security forces, or to electronic companies, especially those engaged in medical electronics.

Park Electric Chemical itself sells about \$50m. in such printed circuits each year. The new company has received "approved enterprise" status.

Co-op supermarket opens in Ma'ale Adumim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut-owned Co-op supermarket chain, this week opened a new outlet in Ma'ale Adumim, a West Bank settlement near Jerusalem. The supermarket was built at a cost of \$120,000.

Hevrat Ha'Ovdim secretary Danny Rosoloff said that the opening of the outlet in Ma'ale Adumim characterizes the role played by

Hevrat Ha'Ovdim in developing Israel, and providing employment and service.

Co-op head Simha Rotem echoed Rosoloff's words, adding that the present population of Ma'ale Adumim — 1,800 families — did not justify a supermarket of the size built. But, he said, he expected the store to pay its own way by the end of the year, when the population is expected to be 2,400 families.

Banks in fierce competition for short-term deposits

By PINHAS LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Many people suffer losses in the "real" value of their money simply because they don't have time to look after it. Despite the abundance of saving instruments available, not everyone can make it to the bank to take advantage of them.

The commercial banks are locked in fierce competition in their attempts to attract short-term deposits. In the context of current hyper-inflation, huge sums of money are the hands of firms and individuals are constantly on the move seeking the highest yield on offer.

Bank Discount raised the rate of interest it offers for very short-term deposits no less than three times in the course of one week. Barely a day goes by without a new development in the game of leapfrog, wherein the banks seek to outdo each other in attracting new funds.

The main focus of competition remains, naturally, the rate of interest. To the would-be investor with relatively small sums and little free time to spend in bank queues, however, small rate differentials

are less important than finding an easy way to manage his money.

Some innovative features recently introduced by Bank Hapoalim to its *tapas* (negotiable certificate of deposit) and *pakam* (short-term deposit) plans, are designed to solve this problem.

Last month, the bank introduced the idea of a standing-order for *pakam* accounts, allowing customers to put part of their salaries on interest-bearing deposit on a regular basis. More recently, an automatic roll-over facility was created.

What this means is that *pakam* deposits will be renewed on maturity for a similar period to the original deposit, at the rate then prevailing. The interest that accrued is deposited to the client's current account, but the nominal capital is kept "at work," unless a specific order is given to break the deposit. No time is thus lost between a deposit falling due and its renewal.

A further convenience just announced by the bank is an arrangement for customers to place deposit orders by telephone, and thereby eliminate the need to go to the bank.

Switzerland joins Monetary Fund's 'Group of Ten'

BERN (AP). — Switzerland formally decided yesterday to become the eleventh member of the major western industrial countries in the International Monetary Fund's "Group of Ten."

The Swiss Federal Finance Department said the Swiss National Bank will become a member of the General Arrangements to Borrow (GAB) and will place 2.35 billion Swiss francs (\$1.05b.) out of its own reserves at the disposal of GAB.

GAB allows members of the group to borrow from each other if they have to cover balance of payments deficits. It also provides a stopgap reserve if the IMF runs short of funds.

Until now, Switzerland has been an associate member and had observer status in the group, which exerts a major influence on IMF policies.

Switzerland cannot become a member of the IMF itself, however, until it joins the United Nations.

Turkey eases way for foreign capital inflow

ISTANBUL (Reuters). — The free-market-oriented Turkish government has introduced fresh measures to encourage foreign investment.

Under the measures, firms will be able to transfer profits abroad, a radical change from a law in force for about 30 years, which ordered that profits be frozen in the central bank.

The firms will also be able to invest previously frozen funds in Turkey if they bring into the country foreign currency totalling half the amount in value.

Foreign capital earnings are subject to 52 per cent tax in Turkey, but from now the remainder can be transferred through a bank, simplifying a procedure that had been subject to a time-consuming bureaucratic process.

Recession forces religious builder to sell to all comers

By AARON SITTNER

Economic expediency dictated by the slump in new housing sales has forced the Mishab Building Company to yield on its traditional requirement — that purchasers be Orthodox Jews.

Founded in 1937, Mishab is a subsidiary of the National Religious Party. As such, its sales pitch has always been towards Orthodox Jews, both here and abroad. In fact, its sales contracts contain a clause in which the buyer declares he observes the *mitzvot*. And he may not resell his Mishab home without first proving that the next owner is also Orthodox.

During a tour of Mishab construction in Jerusalem this week, national sales director Reuven Basheless told *The Post*: "The main thrust of our activity in Jerusalem right now is this complex of two-family attached luxury cottages (on Rehov Dan in the Baka neighbourhood) each with 180 sq.m. of floor space and a garage. We

have 34 units under construction and 48 more in the planning stage. Prices are \$146,000 for the lower level unit and \$140,000 for the upper.

For foreign residents, Mishab in conjunction with Bank Leumi will arrange for a 10-year mortgage of up to \$75,000 at Libor-plus-3 per cent. (Libor is the variable London Inter-bank borrowing rate.)

Mishab construction of a more modest style is in the city's Gilo Heh neighbourhood. There, the firm is putting the finishing touches on nine buildings, just off Gilo Circular Road. Of the 189 studio, two- and three-room flats in the nine buildings, only 20 flats — all of them two-bedrooms — are still available, priced from \$43,000 to \$49,000.

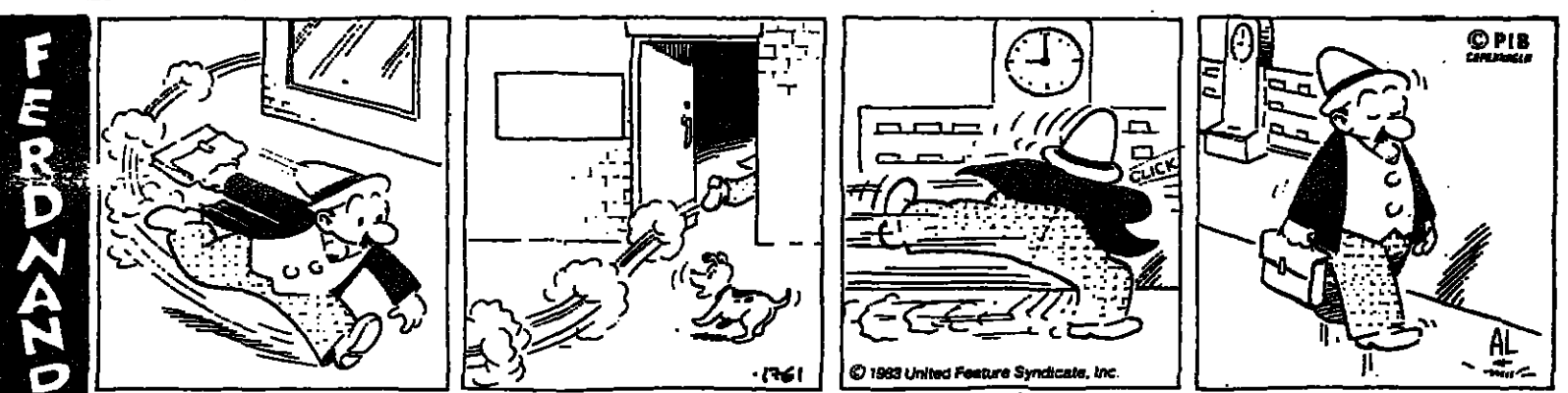
Mishab is not involved in across-the-Green-Line construction, and now concentrates on Jerusalem and the Dan area. At the moment, the company has 1,500 housing units on the pipeline.

More than 50 South Korean shipping firms to merge

SEOUL (Reuters). — South Korea's 53 shipping firms may merge into 16 groups under a government plan aimed at improving the international competitiveness of the debt-ridden industry, government officials said this week.

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"The government had to take some steps to streamline the industry as fierce competition among Korean companies in the dwindling market sometimes caused bids at rates below reasonable prices," said a senior official.



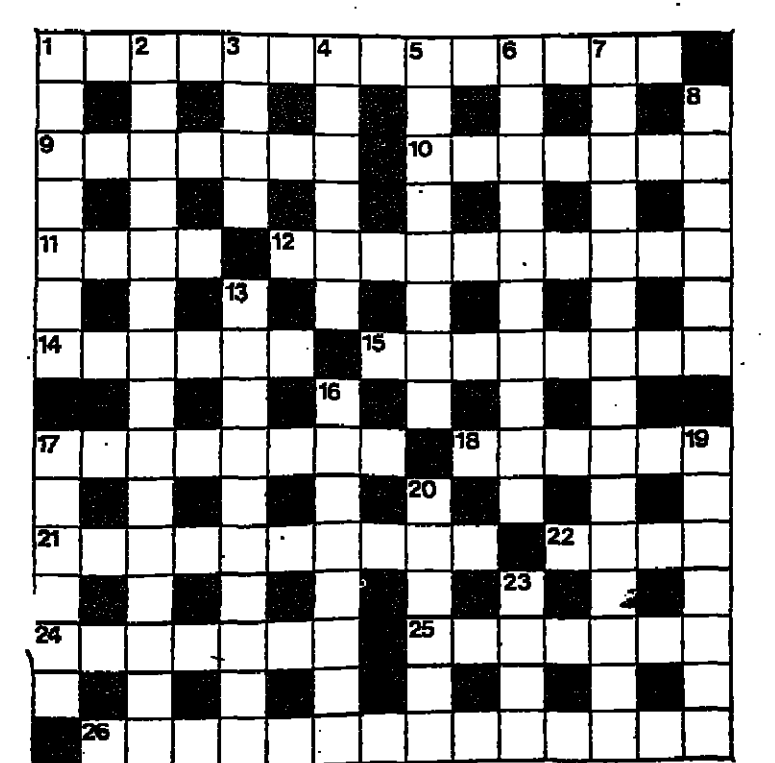
ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

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- What one must do if one wants to enter today's competition? (4,3,3,4)
- Chaps who write burlesque steam engines? (7)
- Fox-hunting writer making a beasi of burden come in without delay? (7)
- A bird that preys on fish before circling north (4)
- Stevenson's new look? Keats waxed lyrical about it (2,5,3)
- Salsbury today (6)
- One who is willing to stage a hill-trial in Devon? (8)
- The saint not usually regarded as lacking in resolution (8)
- French city that arouses hot resentment? (6)
- Always in favour with the powers that be? Now fancy that! (4,1,5)
- Is coming in about an increase in pay (4)
- Sustenance I'm given in a period of abstinence (7)
- Free indeed, though leered at (7)
- Men caught fighting (9,2,3)

DOWN

- Reputedly the founding father of the Arvan nations (7)
- Uncivil toutman (8,7)
- Extremely low digits (4)
- Sateen woven in the shape of a sword (6)
- Specified how the letter should have gone out? (8)
- Having to do with observing the law? (10)
- In dismay we disown the cold and shut the casement (6,5,6)
- How motorists should be dressed? (2,4)
- Superficial attractiveness that is curiously persistent (10)
- A stranger to corporal punishment, as Montgomery was in his campaigns? (8)
- VIP seat on a Jumbo? (6)
- Unlike Falstaff, he was Justice Swallows cousin (7)
- An offer that requires gentle handling (6)
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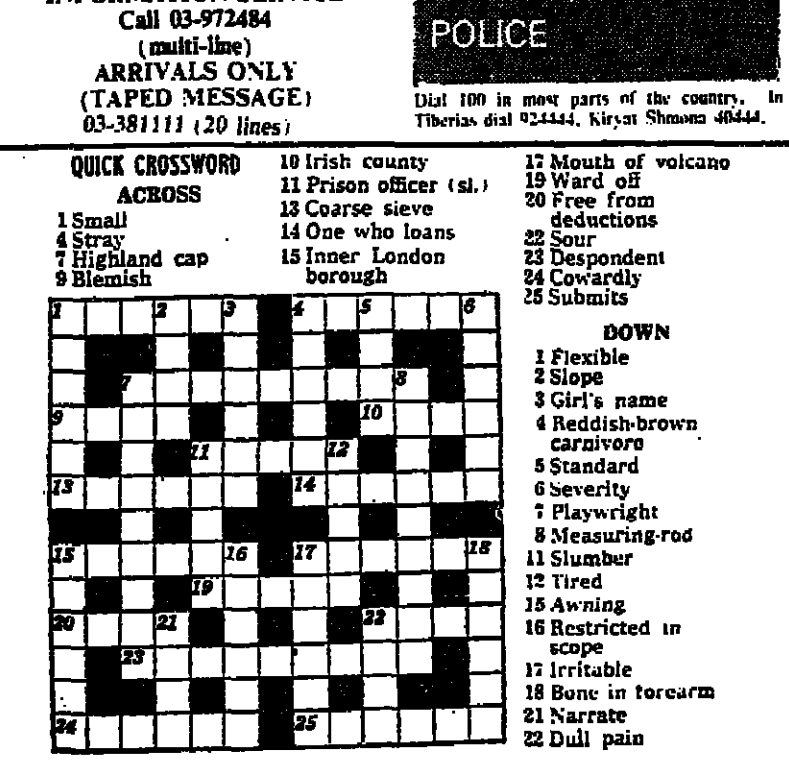
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12 Coarse sieve
14 One who loans
15 Inner London borough

ACROSS

- Small
- Stray
- Highland cap
- Blemish

DOWN

- Flexible
- Slope
- Girl's name
- Reddish-brown caravans
- Standard
- Severely
- Playwright
- Measuring-rod
- Slumber
- Tired
- Awning
- Restricted in scope
- Irritable
- Bone in forearm
- Narrate
- Dull pain



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Voice of Music

6.02 Musical Clock

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9.30 Mendelssohn: Symphony No.4 (London Symphony); Czerny: Variations on a Theme by Haydn (Felicia Blumthaler); Albin: Autumn Song, Op.12 (London Philharmonic); Sibelius: Concerto (Rostropovich); Dvorak: Dimitri

12.00 Schubert: Duo: Sonata (Gyorgy Pauk); Brahms: Cello and Piano; Sonata No.2 (Ralph Kirschbaum, Peter Frankl); Albaniz: Asturias (Narciso Yepes)

13.05 Works by Schaeffer and Messiaen; Jewish Prayer, sung by Sherrill Milnes; Johann Strauss: Excerpts from Die Fledermaus

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Orgad can take leave

THE LATEST data on the economy's performance is damning evidence that the economic policy of Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad — which was to save the country from the mess left behind by his predecessor — has been a dismal failure.

With elections less than four months away, the failure must be considered as final. This is true not only when judging the policy and its results against alternative courses of action, but by the yardstick of the policy's own objectives.

Cohen-Orgad sought to stave off a perilous balance of payments crisis by a belt-tightening that was to be unheard of in Israel. Government spending was to be slashed, the economy was to be sent into a recession, wages and the level of consumption were to be throttled back to where they were two years ago so that imports would shrink and output be diverted to exports. To achieve these goals, he used the mechanism of boosting inflation to the two-digit monthly rate, keeping his fingers crossed in the hope that somehow, sometime, it would come down again by itself.

In December, he and the Prime Minister already claimed to see a silver lining on the clouds: imports had fallen, wages had been eroded sharply, the foreign currency reserves had increased — albeit with the massive help of an advance on American aid. True, the government kept on spending cash that had its source in the printing press, but that was a legacy of the past. True, inflation had soared to unprecedented levels — but that had been taken into account, and the recession that was to be the cure for the economy's ills would sooner or later act as a damper on prices. All that was necessary was to stay the course.

But the data published two days ago paints a grim picture. Foreign reserves in March shrunk by \$75m. The government printed even more money than in the preceding months — a staggering IS35b., bringing the total for the six months since Cohen-Orgad took over the Treasury to IS175b. At the same time, tax revenue in March was down 26 per cent, in real terms, compared with March 1983, and is 7 per cent less in fiscal 1983 than the year before. Meanwhile, imports of durable consumer goods are on the rise again.

The recession that seemed to be coming has gone away again.

It would, however, be incorrect to say that Cohen-Orgad has not accomplished anything. Inflation is higher and wages have been eroded. Which means he has engineered a massive redistribution of income — even if wage compensations in the first quarter of 1984 have temporarily redressed the balance somewhat.

If Cohen-Orgad's policy had any chance of ultimately paying off, that prospect has now been dashed. Belt-tightening and elections do not go together. There will now be no significant drop in public consumption, none in average private consumption, no reduction in imports, no diversion of resources to exports, and no increase in tax revenues that will make it unnecessary for the government to print money.

Instead maturing government bonds and savings schemes will pump more money into the economy in the weeks ahead, propping up standards of consumption to which the country has grown accustomed.

Meanwhile, of course, the Finance Minister will say that unlike his predecessor, he is not pursuing election economics.

Shaking the money tree

THE KNESSET has done it again. And this time Labour cannot simply blame the Likud. Economic crisis or no, the Finance Committee, led by Labour's specialist on party financing legislation, Yehuda Hashai, voted yesterday to raise by 57 per cent the state funding which the parties will receive for their election campaign expenses.

This will bring the total to IS1.7 billion, or IS612 million more than the estimate announced last week. While they were at it, the committee members also voted their parties a retroactive increase totalling IS130 million to cover their current expenses for the past six months.

These increases are much more than an adjustment for inflation. For that adjustment the parties have been getting all along, every three months. That adjustment, incidentally, is based on a 90 per cent linkage to the consumer price index. Hashai also sought to tamper with that, suggesting a 100 per cent linkage for some of the monies.

But since the MKs simply compensate themselves by raising the basic sums, the linkage rate they allot themselves is unimportant. For public consumption purposes, however, they find it convenient to keep the 90 per cent cover. Then they can make spurious claims about "erosion."

Evidently the MKs and their parties now believe anything goes. They are bereft of all shame. When the news of their raid on the public coffers got out, some of them yesterday tried to take cover, mumbling about reviewing the decision. But by last night no formal call for convening the Finance Committee for such review had been submitted. Nor should it be expected.

CEMETERY

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plot one kilometre to the northwest of the junction between the Jerusalem-Jericho road and the new road from Ma'ale Adumim to French Hill.

The land is part of a 3,000-dunam plot that was declared state land in 1982 but it was only formally recognized as such last year because there were appeals, which were rejected, from Palestinians who claimed ownership of the land.

Only 320 dunams of this stretch of land will be used. Planning of the first 100 dunams is already under way, and a subcommittee of the Jerusalem Planning and Construction Committee visited the site on Monday.

The 350-dunam plot should supply Jerusalem's need for cemetery space for about 50 years. About 2,000 Jews are buried in Jerusalem every year. Shilo said that about 250 graves are placed in each dunam, which means that with extra paths and services that the city needs about five to six dunams of burial space for Jews every year.

GEN. LAHAD

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worse. Until a new agreement between the two countries is arrived at, the situation is liable to go on for a long time.

"I have two goals. One is to assure the security of the South and return it to Lebanese sovereignty. The second is to assure the security of Israel's northern border so the IDF won't have any reason to remain on Lebanese soil."

Lahad added that the IDF would help strengthen the SLA both in manpower and equipment.

He said that he hopes to beef his forces to 5,000 - 6,000 men, members of all sects and communities to give the rest of Lebanon a good example.

Lahad said that at the same time he hoped that Lebanese institutions could maintain and increase their authority in the South.

Lahad, a Christian, has moved with his wife and daughter to Marjayoun. His wife, Minerve, said that she was "pleased and excited" by her husband's appointment. She said people in the area liked him.

Ministering to religion

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

WHAT IS the function of the Ministry for Religious Affairs? Is it simply to provide "religious services," including synagogues for those who want them and Rabbinical Courts even for those who don't, or also to promote religion or at least "co-existence?"

After all these years, the question has not been answered, as was demonstrated, once again, last week in a Knesset debate on the ministry. Minister of Religious Affairs Yosef Burg, stuck mainly to the bread-and-butter aspects of the ministry: underpaid rabbis in moshavim and in sprawling new neighbourhoods like Jerusalem's Gilo; the paltry development budget for synagogues; the shortage of *dayanim* in the rabbinical courts.

At the end of his 20-minute speech, Burg put aside mundane problems for a tongue-in-cheek apology: "If I have strayed a bit from the ministry, I trust I haven't strayed from the subject."

If the Orthodox and non-Orthodox are to live together, he said, "they must accept the status quo as the only way to prevent a *Kulturkampf*."

The Alignment's Rabbi Menahem Hacohen expressed disappointment that the minister had concentrated on the material problems of the ministry and had so little to say on "the real question."

"What is your ministry doing to bring the religious and the secularists closer together?" he demanded.

Shinui's Mordechai Virshubski went further. Providing religious services and distributing grants were not enough to justify the existence of a separate ministry. If the ministry had any *raison d'être*, surely it was "to grapple with the problems of the various religions" and prevent the polarization between the secularists and the religious.

Mapam's Elazar Granot begged to differ. Not for him a minister to

deal with *shlom bayit* (domestic peace) in the nation. How to prevent a schism among the Jewish people was a question for consideration in political frameworks other than the Knesset. The ministry's functions could easily be carried out by the ministries of education and interior. But if we are stuck with a separate religious affairs ministry, we should be glad that the minister talks only about budgetary matters.

BURG REVEALED that 70 per cent of the ministry's budget goes to support yeshivot. He said that the institutions that receive special grants (by virtue of coalition agreements) are not scrutinized by the ministry, unlike the others (which he did not categorize), which must meet strict criteria.

This differs considerably from what the chairman of the Finance Committee, Shlomo Lorincz told the Knesset the next day, during the next reading of the Budget Bill, after Shinui's Amnon Rubinstein asked what had happened to the coalition's promise to establish a public council to oversee the distribution of the special grants.

Lorincz said that the institutions in question, like all other institutions that obtain state funds, are subject to the review of the state comptroller.

But there is a world of difference between having to submit audited books to the ministry on a current basis as a condition for receiving funds, and getting a bad mark from the state comptroller some time in the future, and which the ministry is precluded from punishing even then.

Three-and-a-half pages of the ministry's budget booklet describe the seven types of Tora institutions that share the IS6 billion-plus in "regular grants" and the criteria they must meet.

But there is not a word of ex-

planation about the "coalition institutions" — i.e., those nominated by Agudat Yisrael, the National Religious Party, and Tami — for special grants totalling over IS2.2 billion. That even their names are listed is a step forward, and it stems from the Habad petition to the High Court of Justice. Rabbi Hacohen called these special grants a *hilul hashem* — a desecration of the Divine Name.

EVEN WITH respect to the regular grants, however, it was not clear sailing for Burg. Hacohen and Shulamit Aloni (Citizens Rights Movement) criticized the ministry for shutting its eyes to the nature of some of the yeshivot it is supporting.

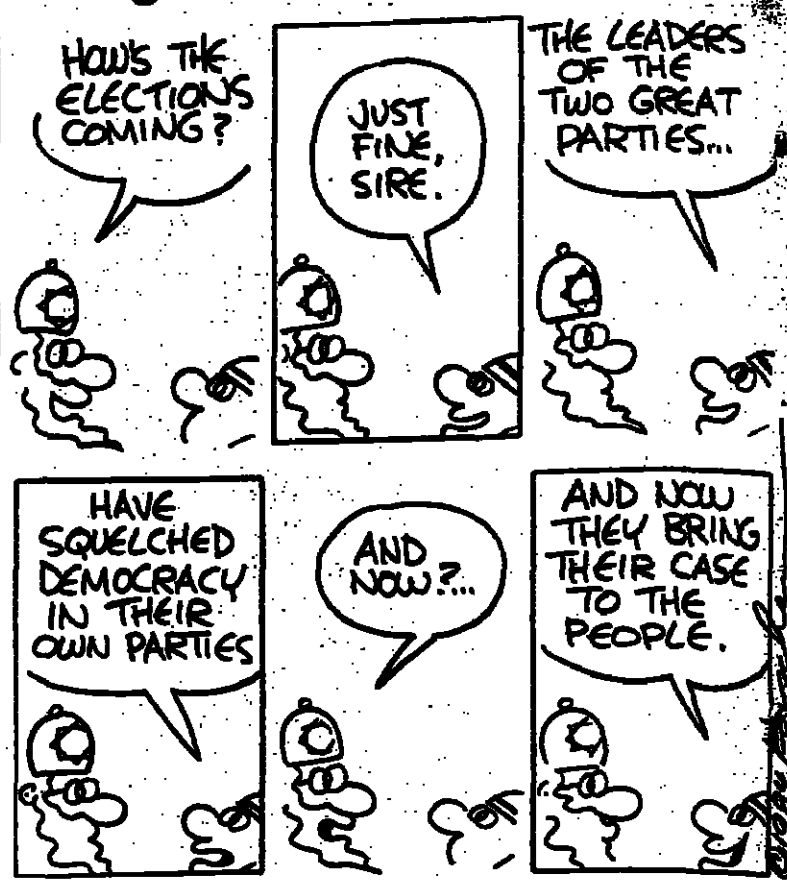
Hacohen only hinted at what Aloni said straight out: "You (Dr. Burg), a leader of the Tora Va'avoda movement, have served as a channel for the transference of monies to parasites, and you have given them funds that are used to brainwash students, to turn them against Zionism. And not only to serve in the army but to despise those who do."

From extremism in yeshivot to extremism in the rabbinical courts. Aloni said that over two-thirds of the *dayanim* lack a general education. Hacohen asked Burg whether the only problem in the rabbinical courts was the shortage of *dayanim*. "Read what your director general said in an interview he gave *Ha'aretz*."

What Rabbi Moshe Solomon said there was: "Most of the *dayanim* in the rabbinical courts do not identify with the state. I know I'm treading on very dangerous ground here, but national-religious Judaism has not given a satisfactory answer to the need for *dayanim*. We have not produced an adequate number of rabbis from our midst."

There remains the matter of the

Dry Bones



"status quo." Here, too, Burg's brief comment did not go unchallenged.

Granot maintained that the religious mouth the slogan "status quo" while simultaneously carrying on a successful fight to extend the domain of Halacha, and the secularists really believe in maintaining the status quo, but they are not fighters and have retreated again and again.

Hacohen quipped that "the argument over the status quo is itself part of the status quo." He asked the minister exactly which status quo he was referring to.

The only "official" status quo is the one outlined in June 1947 by David Ben-Gurion, then chairman of the Jewish Agency, and two of his colleagues, in a letter to Rabbi Itzhak Meir Levin of Agudat Yisrael.

The letter promised that in the

Jewish state, when established, the Sabbath and Jewish holidays would be official days of rest, kashrut would be observed in the kitchens of all public institutions, matters of personal status would continue to be governed by Halacha, and the separate "trends" in the school system would continue.

It may be assumed that Burg had much more in mind than that. In the 36 years since that letter was written the "status quo" has seen considerable changes, in both directions.

I agree with Dr. Burg that a State of Israel without religion is like a body without a soul. And I believe that the Sabbath is the secret of Jewish survival. But those who think otherwise will not be persuaded by an outworn phrase.

The writer is a member of the editorial staff of The Jerusalem Post.

EBAN-GHALI

satisfaction in Israel that a closer human understanding and warmer relationship had not been achieved between the two countries in the past five years. He praised Egypt for making peace with Israel and at the same time remaining an inseparable part of the Arab and Moslem worlds.

Eban said he was convinced that both peoples were resolved to adhere to the agreement and avoid war. He decried claims of people in both lands that this peace was empty, and enumerated the benefits it had brought, which he said were reciprocal.

He stressed that Camp David did not involve peace between Egypt and Israel alone. According to its text, Eban said it was "a first stage to a general peace between Israel and all the Arab peoples."

The pact was to be followed by "similar peace treaties involving all the states of the region and satisf-

ing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people in conditions compatible with Israel's security." Eban added that "there has not been sufficient progress towards the realization of this goal."

The opposition foreign affairs spokesman stressed "when there are sharp differences between governments, diplomatic and intergovernmental contacts should be intensified, and not broken or weakened." The peace process, Eban declared, was too important to the world to be allowed to lose its strength.

Eban did not mince his words when criticizing the Egyptians: "We should not try to injure each other's interests anywhere in the world. Israel has important hopes and interests in Africa, and Egypt — like us — attaches great importance to its interests in the U.S. We should not attack each other in third countries. We should carry on our debate between ourselves as neighbours committed to a common destiny."

Last night the Ebans were guests at a dinner hosted by Ghalil and his wife, where the Egyptian reiterated that despite everything Egypt was deeply committed to peace with Israel.

While official spokesmen like Ghalil studiously avoid saying anything that might be regarded as interfering in internal Israeli politics, some of the newspapers are less circumspect. *Ma'ariv*, for example, on Tuesday, aired hopes of improved relations if Labour should replace the Likud in power.

Although Ghalil has greeted Eban warmly in person and in his speeches, he made a bitter anti-Israel statement in an interview with *El-Akhar* that appeared on Tuesday, the day of Eban's arrival. He was reportedly echoing the hard line taken by Mubarak in an interview he gave the previous week to a Lebanese newspaper in which he accused Israel of "committing daily breaches of the peace treaty."

READERS' LETTERS

CALL FOR REFERENDUM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I refer to Paul Edelberg's article of March 26, "Presidential proposal."

The myriad of problems, political, economic, and social, facing this country cannot possibly be handled by its present form of government. This fact, I believe, is clearly borne out by the gross mismanagement of policy and its implementation. The fact that one Knesset member or small party can cause the overthrow or collapse of the entire government without warning is appalling. This situation screams for change.

Without rehashing all of the old arguments for and against presidential government, I think that it is clear that the real problem is that those few individuals who benefit from the current system are the same people charged with changing it. The time has come for a national referendum to let the people of this country decide. Only in this way will the few who profit by an arcane system be forced to rectify the situation.

S. MICHAEL PERLMUTTER
Haifa.

ABSORPTION PROBLEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Reading the charming article of March 16 about Shoshana Walker, I was struck by a phrase which epitomizes one of the problems of immigrant absorption. Miss Walker is described as "an Orthodox 33-year-old New Yorker, who has lived in Jerusalem for the past six years," rather than as, say, a Jerusalemite who six years ago moved from New York to Israel to achieve her Zionist dream.

Reading the description reminded me of the Russian immigrant who was happy at last in Israel, since here she was considered a "real" Russian while, in her homeland, she was "just" a Jew.

One hopes that, in Israel, where aliyah is justifiably encouraged, one who makes that difficult move will be welcomed after six years as an Israeli, even if only as an adoptive son or daughter.

Ramat Ilan, NATHAN

"YENTL" PREMIERE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — One important fact was omitted in your reportage of Barbra Streisand's arrival in Israel (April 1). We in Hadassah-Israel are the sole sponsors of the premiere showing in Jerusalem of Ms. Streisand's film "Yentl." We are happy that more

than a few before the event, all 720 seats have been to Hadassah friends and supporters with all benefits going to the patients of Hadassah hospitals. ROSE JOSE, Hadassah-Jerusalem.

MONDALE

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community by approximately three to one. More than 30 per cent of the voters were Jews — meaning that the Mondale victory was in large measure the result of strong Jewish support.

Hart and Mondale are making a major effort to attract support among Jews in Pennsylvania, especially in Philadelphia and Pitt-

sburgh. So far during the campaign Mondale has done considerably better in the Jewish community than Hart.

Hart's one major advantage right now is money. Mondale has already spent over \$17 million, and the candidates are limited by federal law to a total campaign expenditure of \$21m. Hart still has some \$10m. left for other expenses.

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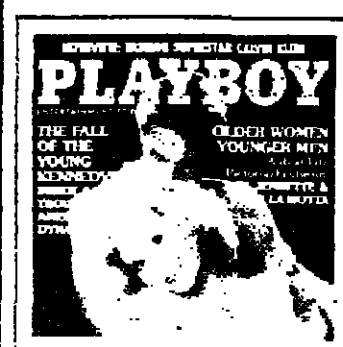
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